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Men jailed for 'horrific' attack

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TWO attackers have been locked up for horrific violence which left their victim needing surgery to rebuild his face.

Michael Sheldrake and Lee Sparks, both 23, knocked Simon Herzog to the ground and kicked him in the head after a confrontation in a Newmarket car park.

Mr Herzog's face was battered "beyond recognition" and he needed emergency surgery to help him to breathe. He was in intensive care for seven days and is facing further operations eight months after the incident.

Sparks was given a 50-month jail sentence with an extended three-year licence period after his release.

He admitted causing grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm.

Sheldrake was given a 40-month sentence for grievous bodily harm.

The men, both of Laurel Close, Red Lodge, admitted the charges.

The hearing, at Ipswich Crown Court, was disrupted by shouts from the public gallery and led to security officers being called in.

Judge John Holt told Sparks, who has 20 previous convictions for 42 offences – six involving violence: "You are a significant risk to members of the public of serious harm caused by violence."

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Swing into action: Jake Mold, 4, and Logan Meekings, 5, play in their camouflage gear during a special day for youngsters in Newmarket. Full story on Page 9.

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Violence flared after incident in car park

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The court heard at an earlier hearing that the violence broke out in Newmarket's park and ride site in Willie Snaith Road in the early hours of July 31.

It followed an incident in the car park of the Tesco store opposite when a Mercedes car driven by Mr Herzog's partner Marie Massott was involved in a minor collision with a Ford Focus.

Mr Herzog was left unconscious after being kicked more than 10 times, prosecutor David Wilson told the court.

Miss Massott also suffered bruising to her face and body.

A witness, who subsequently told police she wanted to withdraw her statement, had said that Mr Herzog had struck the first blow after getting out of his car with Miss Massott.

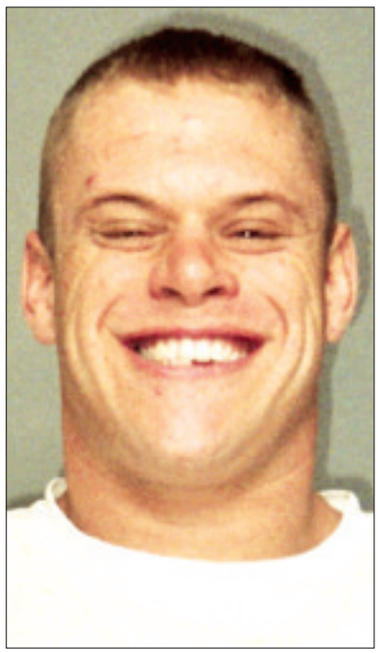
After the incident Sparks asked his father to dispose of blood-stained clothing and shoes.

Lawyers for Sheldrake and Sparks said there had been "an element of provocation" but they had gone too far.

After the hearing Det Sgt Carl Dye, of Suffolk police, said: "This was an horrific incident and both victims are still suffering the consequences of these assaults eight months on.

"One of the victims sustained severe facial fractures, for which he is still receiving medical treatment."

He added: "I commend their bravery in helping detectives after the attack, and also would like to praise a number of significant witnesses who came forward and provided vital evidence to the case. Without their assistance these two men would not have been brought to justice."



Car park attackers: Michael Sheldrake, left, and Lee Sparks, left their victim battered "beyond recognition". CP

£2m boost to catch burglars

THE region's police forces have been handed a £2 million cash boost to catch burglars.

Kit including surveillance cameras and tracking equipment is to be bought by police in East Anglia, Home Office minister Alan Campbell has announced.

The money from the Securing Homes programme was allocated to 16 forces across the country.

The forces will buy technology such as automatic number plate recognition systems, tracking equipment, forensic scanners, intruder alarms and CCTV.

Mr Campbell said burglary had fallen by 54 per cent since 1997.

"However, we can still do more and this funding is just one part of a wider strategy to ensure this downward trend continues.

"This new equipment will not only help police catch the criminals who harm communities, it will help prevent crime as well. Once burglars realise the home they're breaking into might be covered by hidden cameras they might start to think twice."

He said, 60,000 homes across the country were being made more secure and the net would be tightened on known offenders.

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Parking charges set to increase

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MOTORISTS will pay more for parking in Newmarket from Tuesday.

Forest Heath District Council has increased the charges at the town's car parks for the first time since charges were controversially introduced five years ago.

The current charges are 30p for two hours and 60p for three hours with a half-hour free period.

The free half-hour will disappear when the new charges come into effect.

But parking will be free after 4pm. Currently charges apply until 6pm.

In the town's long stay car parks the new charges will be: 50p for up to two hours parking 90p for up to three hours £1.60 for up to four hours and £1.75 for up to eight hours.

These charges will apply in the Church Lane, Grosvenor Yard and All Saints car parks.

In The Guineas, Market Square and Rous Road short stay car parks the new charges will be: 50p for up to two hours and 90p for up to three hours.

Parking will continue to be free for motorcyclists, as long as they park in the allocated motorbike spaces, and for disabled badge holders.

Car drivers are being handed leaflets about the increases which are being introduced to boost the council's income.

The council has previously not made a profit from parking charges.

Consultants employed by the council are preparing a report on public consultation about further charges for parking – including a possible residents' parking scheme and pay and display parking in the High Street.

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Pub and house conversion opposed

THE conversion of a former pub and a house into flats is being opposed by town councillors.

Members of Newmarket Town Council have objected to the grant of retrospective planning permission for the change of use of the former Carpenters' Arms pub in the town's All Saints Road and a house in nearby Granby Street.

Newmarket-based KTF Property has lodged applications for planning permission with Forest Heath District Council.

The company is applying retrospectively for work which has already been carried out.

But the town council is objecting on the grounds of inadequate facilities for the number of tenants and overcrowding.

The former pub has been converted into 10 bedsits and the house has been converted into six bedsits.

Mayor hosts civic reception

COMMUNITY organisations and civic leaders came together for the Mayor of Newmarket's annual reception.

Cllr Jane Bailey held the event at the Memorial Hall in the High Street where the town council has its headquarters.

The civic reception is an established event in Newmarket but neighbouring Mildenhall held its first civic reception on the same night.

Previously Mildenhall parish councillors have held a private function – paid for by themselves – to which people who have made a contribution to the community were invited.

But this year Cllr Brian Sulman, chairman of the council, decided to hold an official reception at the town's Jubilee Centre.

VIP evening: Newmarket mayor Jane Bailey, centre, with guests at the reception in the town's Memorial Hall. Picture: Keith Heppell 637806

Farmers face prosecution over tractor driver's death

FARMERS are being prosecuted over an accident which led to the death of a tractor driver from Newmarket.

Sam Foley, 24, from Windsor Road, Newmarket, died in July, 2007, in an accident on a farm at Snetterton, Norfolk.

Mr Foley, who also worked as a heath man for Jockey Club Estates, was honoured with a procession of tractors at his funeral in Dullingham.

Now Timothy John Wyatt and Jonathan Pearn Wyatt, trading as Pearn Wyatt and Son and based at Grange Farm, Snetterton, Norfolk, have admitted breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, in that they failed to ensure the health, safety and welfare at work of all their employees including Sam Foley.

But they are contesting the extent of their blame for the accident – which the inquest into Mr Foley's death heard happened when a tow-ring on the trailer broke causing part of it to crash into the tractor's cab.

Norwich Crown Court is due to hear the case on July 6 to 8.

Raiders escape with cash after bank burglary

BANK raiders got away with a "substantial" amount of money after breaking open a cash machine.

The burglars broke into the Lloyds TSB branch in High Street, Lakenheath, on Tuesday night.

Three men forced the locks on the front door at around 11.45pm before using cutting equipment to remove the loading door from the cash machine.

The balaclava-clad gang were all dressed in dark clothing.

They were said to be driving a silver-coloured estate car which had blue neon lights fitted underneath.

Anyone with information should contact Det Insp Karl Smith at Forest Heath CID on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Lord Derby's pledge for racing heritage

A DECISION on Lord Derby's controversial plan to build 1,200 homes on his land at Newmarket is now unlikely to be taken before June.

Forest Heath district councillors voted by a majority to delay a decision on the scheme at a special planning committee meeting last week.

Afterwards Lord Derby, who addressed the meeting, said he felt the decision was sensible.

He again promised that he would "ensure that Newmarket's racing heritage is not detrimentally affected".

He said he would stop the development of his Hatchfield Farm after the first 600 homes were built if there was a "material impact" on the racing industry.

But William Gittus, managing director of Jockey Club Estates who spoke against the scheme on behalf of the racing industry, said, after the meeting: "Clearly we're disappointed. I think there were good grounds for it to have been refused."

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Rachel Hood, who chairs the Save Historic Newmarket action group, said: "We're not too down-hearted because we believe the council will turn it down next time."

Leading personalities from the racing industry were among around 100 objectors who waved placards and banged on windows of the district council's headquarters at Mildenhall before the meeting.

Racehorse trainers James Fanshawe, William Haggas and John Berry were among opponents of the scheme who filled the public gallery and an overflow room where they were able to watch the debate via a television link.

Not too down-hearted: Rachel Hood of the Save Historic Newmarket action group.

Road experts from Suffolk County Council and the Highways Agency said the scheme could not be approved because they had not had time to analyse the effect the scheme would have on traffic. But they said any traffic problems could be overcome.

Council planners argued that a decision on the planning application should be put off to allow more time to consider a report by the government inspector who considered the development framework for the next 20 years.

The inspector, Paul Crysell, has said proposals to build new homes in "north east Newmarket" – effectively the same area as Hatchfield Farm – were "sound" and would not harm racing.

But Cllr Richard Fletcher, speaking on behalf of the town council, said the scheme's damage to the industry would be "a local disaster and national humiliation".

Sports pitch proposals for racehorse paddocks

RACEHORSE paddocks could be used to provide new sports pitches in proposals supported by district councillors.

Land in Newmarket could be released from restrictions designed to prevent the development of horseracing land or buildings for any unrelated purpose.

The land, at the junction of Hamilton Road and Exning Road, is owned by Jockey Club Estates and was previously considered as a possible site for a new swimming pool before it was built on the leisure centre site.

The proposal is part of the site allocations as part of Forest Heath's development framework for the next 20 years.

The release of the land would allow the nearby George Lambton playing fields to be developed with a mixture of houses and business units – including a new Tesco store. It was one of a number of sites considered by the district council's local development framework working group this week.

The group agreed a list of sites for consultation at a meeting on Tuesday. But they excluded the Rous Road car park from future development plans.

At the same meeting, the group confirmed that it had ruled out allowing some development on the Queensbury Lodge stables site.

A previous proposal had suggested that part of the land could be developed for housing but part of it had to be maintained as stables.

Queensbury Lodge, a listed building in the High Street, and the stables, have not been used for training racehorses for around 30 years and are in a near-derelict state.

They have been the subject of continuing planning battles between developer and racehorse owner Bill Gredley, whose charitable trust now owns the site, and the district council.

But councillors have ruled that the land, where Mr Gredley has proposed a hotel and a care home, should be kept for racing purposes.

The working group identified the nearby former swimming pool, which closed more than a year ago, as a site to be developed for housing. Councillors also set new policies on the racing industry which would allow some land to be developed.

Talks are due to take place next month with the Horseman's Group which represents the industry.

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Co-operation does the biz for winning science firms

CO-OPERATION and collaboration helped a group of health and life science businesses to scoop a national award.

The East of England health and life sciences cluster has won the prestigious national Cluster Kite Mark in a UK-wide competition organised by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The award was presented by Ian Lucas, minister for business and regulatory reform, at a ceremony in London.

With about 150 small businesses associated with the medical device sector and 250 involved in biotechnology, the East of England has more drugs in the clinical pipeline than any other cluster in Europe.

The region also has a strong research community with 11 higher education institutions, including Cambridge University, and research facilities such as the Babraham Institute.

Dr Belinda Clarke, life sciences manager for the East of England, led the cluster's successful bid in the competition.

She said: "Co-operation and collaboration are at the heart of our cluster success.

"We are delighted to have won this award to validate our constant efforts to grow the cluster."

Liam's family launch £5m store fundraiser

BY JACK GROVE

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THE family of inspirational cancer sufferer Liam Fairhurst have kicked off a scheme to raise £5 million for CLIC Sargent.

Liam's parents Mark and Sarah, from Soham, were the guests of honour at Tesco in Bar Hill on Monday for the launch of the supermarket's partnership with the children's cancer charity.

The retailer has chosen CLIC Sargent as its Charity of the Year and is aiming to raise £5 million through collections, events and product sales during 2010.

Money raised by Tesco will help children like Liam, who died at the age of 14 in June last year after a four-year battle with cancer.

The teenager's tireless fundraising and positive attitude throughout his treatment won him many high-profile plaudits, including from Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Prince William.

Mrs Fairhurst said: "Liam has left behind a huge legacy and we know he would want us to continue supporting CLIC Sargent in any way we could – so we are.

"We're delighted that CLIC Sargent has been chosen as Tesco's Charity of the Year – I know Liam would be too.

"Liam was diagnosed with cancer in his leg in July 2005 and had to go through gruelling chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery. Sadly Liam lost his best friend from the ward, Jack, to bladder cancer in 2006 and this inspired him to start a fundraising drive.

"Liam chose CLIC Sargent as he wanted to help other children with cancer and from his first sponsored event, a one-mile swim in December 2006, he was committed to raising as much money and awareness as he could.

"Throughout Liam's treatment we had the support of CLIC Sargent's specialist care team at Addenbrooke's Hospital and we know first hand the difference that can make. Helping children like Liam spend as much time at home as possible while they're having their treatment is so important."

Tesco Extra store manager Paul Parsons said: "The money raised from our partnership with CLIC Sargent will help local children with cancer spend more time at home. That's why all my staff are really excited about this partnership and keen to start fundraising."

Donations will be made from the sale of certain products, and every time a Tesco cash machine is used.

In store: Paul Parsons, Callum Fairhurst, Peter Atfield and Mark Fairhurst at the launch. Inset, Liam Fairhurst. Picture: Richard Patterson 638213

Bank card stolen by distraction pair

A WOMAN'S bank card was stolen when she was distracted while using a cash machine.

The card was later used to withdraw several hundred pounds from other cash machines.

The incident happened when the woman, in her seventies, was at a machine outside a bank in High Street, Newmarket, at around 1.15pm on Tuesday, March 23.

She told police she was distracted by two men said to be of Asian appearance.

They told her the machine was faulty so she cancelled the transaction and went in to the bank to report it.

The card had not been retained by the machine, as she had thought, and it was later used to make the withdrawals.

Anyone with information should call Pc Hylton Garrick at Newmarket Police on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Crackdown on hoax 999 callers

HOAX callers have been warned they could be punished.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding them they could have their phones disconnected and face police action.

Last summer, the service lowered the age for prosecuting hoax callers from 16 to 10. Hoax calls dropped by 13.5 per cent, from 185 in September to January 2008/09 to 160 in the same period the following year.

Teri Seaber, group manager for fire control at the service, said: "Dialling 999 when there is no emergency is an extremely serious matter, as it could delay crews from attending a real emergency when someone's life is at serious risk."

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Child care suffers after row over costs

A CLASH over treatment of an ill child involving Cambridgeshire social workers should never have reached the High Court, a watchdog said this week.

The six-year-old boy, who has a heart condition, was born in the Orkney Islands but his parents were unable to look after him and he has been cared for by a Cambridgeshire family for most of his life.

Scottish officials halted payments to the foster parents for the boy's care, arguing the English authority should take over.

But Shire Hall refused, arguing it was normal for the "birth" council to continue paying, and the dispute eventually reached the High Court.

Mr Justice Hedley could not make a decision because neither authority was prepared to carry out an assessment of the needs of the child, known as "I", and his carers.

A report by the Social Work Inspection Agency said at Monday's hearing that legal wrangling had destabilised the boy's placement with his carers.

Alexis Jay, chief inspector of social work, said: "While acknowledging the complexities of this case, this review has concluded that the dispute should never have got to the High Court and that events came to be dominated by legal process and interpretation, rather than the best interests of the child.

"Failure to agree about many aspects of the case has resulted in delays to some important decisions being made.

"This has directly impacted on the support to the child and his carers at various stages.

"This is important not just for the child but also for ensuring ongoing discussion and contact between the two councils in relation to the child, his birth parents and his wider family."

A deal has now been reached which sees Orkney Islands Council reimburse its Cambridgeshire counterpart for care costs. The Cambridge-based authority spends more than £350,000 annually funding children from the county who live elsewhere in the country in similar circumstances.

Gordon Jeyes, its executive director of children's services, said: "Children's services in Cambridgeshire have always sought to provide the most effective support for this child and his carers. This will continue and we are pleased that agreement has been reached regarding the funding."

Five officers needed to arrest abuse case man

BY JOHN GOODE

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A POLICE officer was rugby-tackled and pinned down by a man he was trying to arrest, a court heard.

It took five officers – and the use of PAVA irritant spray – to arrest Gavin Jacobs, 23.

Now he has been ordered to do 120 hours of unpaid work as part of an 18-month community order imposed by magistrates at Bury St Edmunds.

He has also been told to attend an aggression replacement programme and pay £150 prosecution costs.

Jacobs, of Granby Street, Newmarket, appeared in court to be sentenced after being convicted, at an earlier hearing, of assaulting a police officer, resisting police officers and causing harassment or alarm. He had denied the charges.

Kevin Lowson, prosecuting, said an original charge of racially-aggravated abuse was dismissed.

But he said Jacobs made racist threats to a neighbour after he was arrested.

The court heard that the incident happened at about 1am on November 7 after Rodney O'Brien, who was living in the same flats as Jacobs in Park Lane, Newmarket, called police to complain about damage caused to his door.

Mr Lowson said Pc Hylton Garrick went into Jacobs' flat to try to arrest him on suspicion of causing the damage.

But Jacobs refused to be handcuffed and shoved the officer causing him to fall on the bed.

"He then lunged at him in a rugby-style tackle and the officer's head hit the wall," said Mr Lowson.

"He pinned the officer down with his full body weight."

Other officers tried to pull him off and used a PAVA spray. As he was being taken out of the flats he yelled racial abuse at Mr O'Brien.

Declan Gallagher, defence solicitor, said Jacobs still maintained his innocence and said he had contested the case on the basis that he was not responsible for the damage to Mr O'Brien's door and should not have been arrested.

Mr Gallagher said: "There is no doubt that he has significant issues with the police and authority figures."

He said Jacobs, who has previous convictions, had been evicted from his flat because of the incident and was now staying with friends.

"His attitude is at the root of his offending behaviour," said Mr Gallagher.

Alan Shipp, holder of the National Collection of Hyacinths, with some of the flowers planted in Newmarket. Inset, a close-up of the beautiful plants.

Pictures: Keith Jones 638101/638094

Rare blooms go on public display

RARE hyacinths from a national plant collection have been planted in a colourful roadside display.

Six varieties of blooms – the oldest dating from more than 140 years ago – have been included in a public display in Newmarket.

The 1,500 bulbs were supplied to the Newmarket in Bloom organisation by Alan Shipp, who holds the national collection of hyacinths at his Waterbeach farm.

Hyacinths were popular for public flower displays in Victorian times, but are rarely used today when tulips and daffodils are more common.

The idea for using them in the flower beds outside Newmarket's Catholic Church at the junction of Exeter Road and Fred Archer Way was adopted after Jo Cobb, a Cambridge college gardener and a member of the Newmarket in Bloom committee, saw a replica Victorian display at Mr Shipp's open day last year.

He switched to hyacinths from more conventional farm crops in 1985 and now raises up to 200,000 bulbs of 180 varieties at his nursery near Bottisham lock.

He is believed to be the only British post-war grower of hyacinths and the only grower of large quantities of historic varieties in the world.

Mr Shipp, 72, said after viewing the Newmarket displays: "They're looking beautiful, even though some are being swamped by the other plants."

The hyacinths include, white, yellow, red and blue varieties. The oldest ones date from 1863 and the most recent from 1983.

A spokesman for Newmarket in Bloom said: "The use of a National Plant Collection in a Britain in Bloom display shows one of a variety of ways a collection can be used. It also highlights the relevance and importance of conserving our plant heritage to enable historic plants to be made available for current and future gardeners."

A display of 660 of Mr Shipp's bulbs has been created at the National Trust's Wimpole Hall using an adapted 1835 planting plan.

The long cold winter forced Mr Shipp to delay his open day at Waterbeach which will now be held on April 10 and 11.

Contact the newsdesk at: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

Girl, 15, flees after two men approach

POLICE are investigating reports that two men accosted a teenage girl.

The incident happened in Brandon Road, Mildenhall, between 7.30pm and 7.40pm on Friday when the men approached the 15-year-old. One put a hand on her shoulder and she ran away.

The first man was in his early 20s, 5ft 9in and of average build. He was wearing a dark-coloured tracksuit top.

The second man was about the same age and slightly shorter but of larger build.

He was wearing a black baseball cap and green waterproof coat with the hood up.

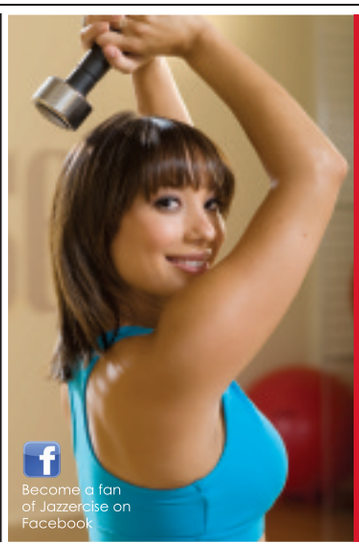
Anyone with information can call Pc Leah Driver of the Brandon Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

In a separate incident, a 13-year-old girl has complained about a man who followed her as she walked to school.

The incident happened last Thursday as she was walking in Bill Rickaby Drive, Newmarket, at around 8.20am. When she reached her school he walked away.

The man was described as being of mixed race. He was wearing glasses and a thigh-length coat.

Contact Pc Chanelle Halford at Newmarket Police on (01284) 774100.



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Democracy can be seen at work

Sir, I am afraid C. M. Lecheheb of Save Historic Newmarket has missed several points regarding Hatchfield Farm, judging by the letter in last week's *Weekly News*.
The current democratically elected Government has made a legal requirement that has led to provision that 1,640 homes be built in Newmarket.
Due consultation has taken place on the proposals and been examined by the inspector who has concluded that Forest Heath's core strategy is sound and that Hatchfield Farm is a suitable site for development.
Interested parties have had the opportunity to comment and present their views.
It fell to democratically elected district councillors to deliberate on the Hatchfield application.
Practice in planning matters is that one person speaks for and one against for three minutes.
The chairman of planning allowed Newmarket Town Council's representative to speak plus one other and allowed equal time to Lord Derby, who, I believe, took no more than three minutes.
Ms Lecheheb's specific point / query that this distorts the case is clearly arithmetically and equitably incorrect.
While Newmarket Town Council might be opposed to the Hatchfield application, planning matters are the responsibility of the district council planning committee which must decide the matter on bases of fact and law or their decision can be overturned on appeal.
Council officers are charged to give best advice to the council. Any suggestion they do not must be substantiated.
If Ms Lecheheb or others do not like the current local government system they should use their democratic vote to change it.
Of course, the last omnipotent ruler in the land was King Charles ll.

Andrew Appleby
Fordham Road
Newmarket

Fine owners who let dogs mess

Sir, Would all dog owners pick up their dog's mess.
There are signs up and bins all over the town, but the majority don't clean up after their dogs and some even let them off the lead to mess.
I'm wondering why there is no crackdown and fines given to help curb this issue which can cause a health problem.
It is also not nice to step in.
It is also disgusting that there's only one toilet for humans in Newmarket after the council closed the one by the Memorial Hall at the weekend.

Pauline Brand
Howard de Walden Way
Newmarket

Don't let visitors be disillusioned

Sir, Any toilet, however outdated, is a welcome sight when alighting from a long distance coach on the High Street!
The Guineas is a long way to hike, trailing suitcases – even if you know Newmarket.
Never mind mums and children – how about us 'oldies'?
The council is trying to encourage visitors to the town.
There is not much here except charity shops, bookies and pound shops, so don't let them go away disillusioned.
Ely is well blessed with public toilets, so why not Newmarket?
Considering the money that has been spent on endless consultations, the balls on the roundabout etc, surely a refurbishment of the High Street toilets is not impossible.

Mrs P Holmes
North Street
Burwell

MEMORIES

THIS week's photograph, from our archives, shows four people dressed for dinner.
Do you recognise any of the people, and could you say what year this picture was taken?
We welcome your letters or emails.

Last week's picture, below, featured some people involved in a savings scheme project at Newmarket Secondary School. The photo was taken in October, 1966.
Send your recollections to:

Memories, *Newmarket Weekly News*, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL, or email *editorial@newmarketweekly news.co.uk* by Tuesday morning.

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Help at hand for knitters and natterers

PRIMARY school children met people over 55 for a "knit and natter".

The lunch-time meeting at Laureate Primary School, Newmarket, was arranged by Forest Heath District Council to "bridge the gap" between the generations.

It was the first week of a project which included story-telling and sign language.

Keri Bird, the district council's community development officer (children and young people), said: "The children have learnt a lot from the volunteers and have been really keen to engage in the project. Not only have the children benefited from the project but the volunteers have valued the experience too."

Left: Margaret Rolph watches over Weronika Wedrychowycz, 6. 638104

Learning to knit: Nancy Taylor keeps an eye on Shakira Baxter, 7, as she learns her stitches. Picture: Keith Jones 638102

Villagers fight plan for old scrapyard

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

WORRIED villagers are opposing plans to develop a former scrapyard into a "materials recovery facility".

The scheme at the former railway station in Fordham, could bring about 75 lorry journeys through the village.

Special meetings have been held by the parish council to get residents' views about the scheme proposed by Essex-based company P F Ahern.

The ultimate decision on whether to allow the development rests with Cambridgeshire County Council, but East Cambridgeshire District Council is due to give its views on the scheme after councillors discuss it at a planning committee meeting on Wednesday.

Fordham Parish Council has objected to Ahern's proposals which include the demolition of the old station building and the construction of new buildings to sort and recover a range of materials for recycling, service the company's lorries and provide office and other facilities for the up to 20 people who will be employed there.

The station, which closed more than 40 years ago together with the railway line, was previously used as a scrapyard.

Hugh Palmer, who chairs the parish council, said: "There's a lot of strong feelings about this.

"We felt as a council that it was correct for us to support the parishioners living nearby.

" We believe that an operation of this kind should be on an industrial estate and should not spoil people's amenity and property values."

He said there was particular concern about the number of lorries which would be bringing waste from a 25-mile radius of the site.

He added: "The company has said they will use the A142, but if they're coming from that radius then some will come through the village."

A report by district council planners does not suggest that the scheme should be supported or opposed.

But it says that the six-acre site had been cleared and tidied in recent years.

A report by Ahern's consultants says the scheme follows national, regional and local policies on development and waste disposal.

It concludes: "It can clearly be seen that any negative impacts will be outweighed by the many benefits the proposed application will provide for the area."

■ **What do you think?**

Email your letters to the editor at *editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk*

Toilets given reprieve are already closed

PUBLIC toilets have been closed – even though councillors granted them a temporary reprieve.

The toilets in Newmarket High Street, next to the Memorial Hall, have been out of action for a month, it has been revealed.

But last week district councillors voted to keep the toilets open temporarily while they get more information about the cost of refurbishment and the possibility of charging for using the toilets.

Toilets in Mildenhall and Lakenheath are also due to be closed.

Now a Forest Heath District Council spokeswoman has confirmed that the High Street toilets have been closed since the beginning of March "due to no power and water supply".

She said: "We are talking with Newmarket Town Council to establish who is responsible."

The closure leaves the town with just one operational toilet block – outside the Guineas shopping centre.

District councillors had been recommended to go ahead with the closure of the three toilets to save money.

But they decided to ask for more information about the cost of refurbishment and whether charges could be made for using the toilets.

They asked for a report to be prepared for the district council's community services committee at the end of April.

Award for vegan menu

ADDENBROOKE'S has won an award for its vegan menus.

The hospital scooped the prize for Best Vegan Hospital Catering at the Vegan Society's annual awards.

Patients recommended the hospital to the society after sampling the à la carte menu, which includes mixed bean goulash, tofu with italiano sauce, vegan soups, snacks, salads and puddings.

Most of the vegan products were sourced from Mill Road store Arjuna Wholefoods, in Cambridge, which also provides the hospital with gluten-free ingredients.

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Deaths

BASS. Terence Arthur, passed away very peacefully in St Nicholas Hospice, on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010, aged 79 years. Dearest husband of Diane, father of Jane, Nicholas, Anne and Wendy and stepfather to Nicholas and Virginia, loving grandad and great-grandad. Funeral service will take place at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Monday, April 12th, at 12.00noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for St Nicholas Hospice (in appreciation of their loving care) may be sent c/o L Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds. IP33 1NX. Tel: 01284 754049.

HOLDEN. Irene of Bottisham, passed away on Friday, March 19th, 2010, aged 96 years. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010, at 11.30am, in the East Chapel.

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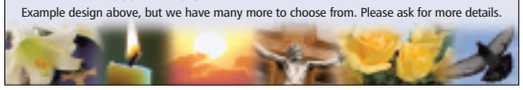

Bus depot theft linked with college vandalism

EMERGENCY hammers have been stolen from two buses at a depot.

The hammers, carried on buses to break a window to allow passengers to get out in the event of a crash, were stolen from the Stagecoach depot in Depot Road, Newmarket.

A window of one of the buses was also smashed causing £300 damage. The hammers are valued at around £100.

The incident happened between 12.20am and 6am on Friday, March 19.

The incident is being linked with vandalism at Newmarket College in nearby Exning Road.

A number of windows were smashed at the college and windows were also broken on the school's minibus leaving repairs costing around £1,500.

The school incident happened between 10.45pm on Thursday, March 18 and 7am the following day.

An incident at a business unit in Sam Alper Court, near the bus depot, is also thought to be connected.

A window was forced causing £50 damage but nothing was stolen.

Anyone with information should call Pc Neil Van Holland, Pc Paul Osmond or Sgt Mark Shipton on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Around the racing world in 60 days

In our weekly column, reporter JOHN GOODE takes a look behind the racing scene to bring you news from in and around the stables.

FORMER Grand National winner Bob Champion is setting off next month on a challenge to visit all 60 of Britain's racecourses in 60 days.

The Newmarket-based ex-jockey, whose 1981 victory on Aldaniti after surviving a battle with cancer has been made into a film, is aiming to raise money for his Cancer Trust and the Injured Jockeys Fund.

He hopes to raise £250,000 during the challenge in which he will cover 10,000 miles.

He is being sponsored by sports car manufacturer Lotus which is supplying one of its latest Evora cars for him to use.

Each of the race courses he will visit – apart from Taunton where there will be a special event – will have a normal race meeting on the day that he calls.

Bob, 61, who lives in Cheveley, said: "I was trying to think of ways to raise money for my Cancer Trust and we found that nobody had ever done 60 racecourses in 60 days.

"I'm doing it to promote racing as well as raise money for the two charities."

The money for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust will fund its research into prostate cancer which is being carried out at a dedicated unit at London's Royal Marsden Hospital.

He is due to set off from Ascot on April 18 with the aim of visiting a racecourse every day. He is due to visit Newmarket on Sunday, May 2, when the 1000 Guineas race will be run.

He said he had looked at starting the challenge from the Grand National at Aintree eight days earlier, but it meant the rest of the schedule would not have worked out.

As part of the challenge he hopes that 50 supporters will join him at each course with each of them raising or donating at least £50.

They will be entitled to free entry to the club enclosure at their chosen race meeting as well as a photo opportunity with Bob and some of the jockeys taking part in the day's racing.

They will also get a free bet and a draw ticket.

He is due to complete the challenge at the Royal Ascot meeting on June 16 when the winning tickets in the Golden 60:60 Draw will be selected.

For more details visit *www.champions6060.org.uk*

Ready for the off: Bob Champion is to start his racecourse challenge on April 18.

TV licence checkers out and about during holidays

HOTELS and guest houses are being warned to make sure they have a TV licence.

According to Visit Britain, UK holidaymakers took 16 per cent fewer trips abroad last year, preferring to stay in Britain instead.

With the Easter holidays fast approaching, TV Licensing is warning accommodation providers that officers will be checking out addresses over the holidays.

Anyone who offers rooms, caravans and chalets as short-stay accommodation can apply for a Hotel and Mobile Unit Licence.

This means that they buy one licence for the first 15 units of accommodation, then a further licence for each subsequent five units.

Holiday parks with fewer than 15 units of accommodation still need to apply for the Hotel and Mobile Unit Licence, but just pay the equivalent of one TV Licence – £145.50 from April 1.

Any privately owned caravans or holiday chalets on site must be covered by their own licence and do not come under the responsibility of the holiday park.

Accommodation providers without a Hotel and Mobile Unit licence face a fine of £1,000.

To find out more, contact 0300 790 6016 or visit *www.tvlicensing.co.uk/hotels*

Town commemorates England's St George

ST George's Day will be marked by a town council with a special event including a sausage and mash supper.

It is the second year that Newmarket Town Council has run an event to commemorate England's patron saint.

It will be held at the town's Memorial Hall in the High Street, on Friday, April 23 – St George's Day – and will feature the Galaxy Big Band.

Newmarket Scouts will provide a guard of honour for guests and will also help wait on tables.

They will hold a parade and service at the hall on the following Sunday.

The event is being backed by Powters pork shop, Darley Stud Management, Tattersalls, Rossdale and Partners, Newmarket Equine Hospital, Newmarket Racecourses and Greene King.

Tickets, priced £6, area available by calling Kay Dawson, the town council's events manager on (01638) 667227.

History of cultivation on garden agenda

GARDENERS in Fordham can discover how plants arrived from abroad at a meeting next week.

Fordham and District Garden Club holds its next meeting on Wednesday when the guest speaker will be Linda Gascoigne, of Simpsons Nursery.

She will talk about the cultivation of land as civilisation progressed and answer such questions as "how did plants arrive in our gardens from icy tundra temperatures?"

The club meets at the Victoria Hall, Fordham, at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome.

Let play commence: Newmarket mayor Jane Bailey, centre, cuts the ribbon at the Memorial Hall Gardens play area. Picture: Richard Patterson 637821

Playtime celebrates £70,000 refurbishment

A FREE activity session marked the re-opening of a popular play area after a £70,000 refurbishment.

The Memorial Hall Gardens at Newmarket have undergone the work which has been organised by the town council, but has been paid for by grants.

Cash came from the government-backed Play Builder scheme and Suffolk County Council's corporate regeneration fund.

Cllr Lisa Chambers, who represents Newmarket and Red Lodge on the county council, also donated £1,000 from her locality budget.

An additional £6,000 came from the government's Aiming High for Disabled Children fund.

The new equipment includes items suitable for youngsters with disabilities.

Young people with learning disabilities from Newmarket Community Resource Unit (CRU) helped with the refurbishment along with members of Newmarket Youth Council.

Pupils from some of the town's schools planted sunflower seedlings in a new sensory garden as part of a challenge to grow the tallest.

The play area includes toddler and junior areas with an activity net with a rope bridge, a cantilever swing, free standing music panels, a climbing structure, totem poles and a dual slide.

Free activities on the opening day included face painting, a circus skills workshop and activities for young teens.

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Broken-down car stolen

A BROKEN-down car has been stolen from a lay-by on the A14.
The red Nissan Micra, registration E917 JPA, was left in the lay-by after it broke down near Newmarket at around 10.30am on Monday, March 22. But it had disappeared when the owner returned to collect it the following day at 2.40pm.
Anyone with information should call the Suffolk police Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB) on (01473) 613500 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Charlie Chaplin at club

A LINE dance club is organising a 1960's music evening.
The event, at Kirtling Village Hall, on Saturday, April 10, at 8pm will feature singer and keyboard player Charlie Chaplin. It will raise money for the Kirtling Line Dance Group. Tickets are £5 at the door and more information is available by calling (01638) 731649.

Yoga on health agenda

A FEELING Well project at libraries will include a yoga display and taster session. The session will be staged at Newmarket library today, during the morning's Top Time club. A workshop promoting a healthy heart will be held at Mildenhall library on April 28. The sessions are part of a Suffolk-wide project with the county council and NHS.

Jets transfer for works

AMERICAN fighter jets from the Lakenheath base are due to transfer to the neighbouring Mildenhall base while work is carried out on the runway, due to start mid-April.
Members of Mildenhall Parish Council were warned of the move by Sqdn Ldr Rick Fryer, the Mildenhall RAF base commander.
It will mean that around 40 of Lakenheath's Eagle and Strike Eagle jets will operate from Mildenhall for around a month while the work is carried out. Mildenhall normally handles air-refuelling and transport planes which will continue to operate alongside the fighters.

Newmarket Weekly News regional round-up

Help us keep you informed. We want your news. If your village or club is planning an event, let us know. If your organisation recently had an interesting meeting, let us have a report. Write to John Goode at *Newmarket Weekly News*, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL or send an email to *editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk*

Cheveley

AT the meeting of Cheveley Parish Council on Tuesday, March 9, a presentation was given by Cambridgeshire ACRE on the outcome of the Cheveley Housing Needs Survey regarding affordable housing in the village.
The response had been very positive with around 25% of the questionnaires being returned, many with positive comments about the scheme.
It was estimated that to fulfil all current and immediate housing need in Cheveley, 15 new affordable homes would need to be built. The parish council will be kept informed of progress in advancing the scheme.
Further damage had occurred to the war memorial. A quotation would be obtained to rectify this and the potential to refurbish the memorial would be considered.
The cleaning is still expected to be carried out when the weather improves.
There was an overwhelming response from children living in the parish to the survey regarding possible provision of additional play equipment at the recreation ground. The parish council agreed to add additional funds to the grant available from the Big Lottery Fund, via East Cambridgeshire District Council, in order to supply and install the top two choices of the children.
A 25m zip wire and a Trim Trail package should therefore be in place by the summer.
The first meeting of the Friends of Cheveley Cemetery had taken place on Sunday, March 7 and their suggestions for enhancing the look of the cemetery were outlined. The first working meeting was due to take place the following Saturday with regular dates following. Anyone interested would be very welcome.
A request from Barnados for a fundraising textile bank in the parish was considered and it was agreed that they should be invited to site this alongside the other recycling banks at the recreation ground.
Notices were to be put in place at the recreation ground to warn anyone fly-tipping there that this is illegal and that they could be prosecuted.
The next meeting of Cheveley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 7.30pm in the Community Room at Cheveley School.

Elaine Taylor

Chippenham

THE February meeting of Chippenham WI was held in the village hall with 10 members present.

A parcel containing 68 hearts knitted by members and a friend was sent to the Children's Society in response to their recent appeal, to help raise funds for disadvantaged children in the UK.

The group will hold another bingo session in the near future, date to be finalised.

Names of members wishing to attend the annual carnival meeting on April 26 at Comberton Leisure Centre were taken. The speaker will be Peter Slack, a dairy and sheep farmer living in the Peak District National Park.

The Group Meeting will be at Fordham on May 17, Isleham WI to provide the entertainment.

Speaker for the evening was Mrs Anne Datson, who gave a very informative demonstration on serviette work.

Gaynor Ryan thanked the speaker for the competition prize: a serviette ring was won by Gaynor Ryan, second Ginette Hawes and third Dorothy Kidd. Raffle winners were Joan Fisher and Ruth Cormack.

Mrs G. Hawes

Mildenhall

TOWN twinners have enjoyed a good year, the annual meeting of the Mildenhall and District Town Twinning Association, at Riverside Middle School, was told.

All senior officers were unanimously re-elected, including chairman Tony Bristow, whose report mentioned the wide range of activities undertaken by the group during the year and the equally wide age range of participants.

Treasurer Andrew Severy, concluding his first year in office, gave details of a surplus on the year, allowing him to recommend no change in the subscriptions to the group.

Mr Severy's report, as the association's webmaster, revealed there were, on average, more than 30 unique "hits" per month on the website, with generally about 50-plus visits.

A deeper analysis of the statistics showed that the site, *www.mdtta.co.uk*, has been viewed in the year from France, the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland, in addition to the many UK callers, some of whom were undoubtedly USA-American.

Recent developments in this field include photos of the successful bowls and quiz afternoon, at West Row Bowls Club in January and a weather forecasts page which provides a three-day "at a glance" forecast for both Mildenhall and twin town Luc-sur-Mer in Normandy.

The planned future for the site included a bilingual virtual tour of Mildenhall, with selected photographs and information about places of interest (similar to the one already in place for Luc-sur-Mer). It is also planned to formulate a web inquiry form, thereby encouraging people to make contact via the website.

Social planners are already hard at work, with a special lunch meeting on April 18, followed by an auction being arranged by former treasurer John Barker.

The purpose of this particular function is to help raise funds which will go towards travel costs of the young musicians (who travel in a 21-strong party) to Luc for the weekend April 30-May 3. All others, including parents, will pay about £100 per head.

Several local firms and businesses have already promised suitable items for the auction, while anyone wishing to support MDTTA at the three-course lunch (cost £14 per head, with children half-price) should contact secretary Mrs Grace Bristow on (01638) 713967 as soon as possible.

■ The first "civic reception" at Mildenhall, which this year has superseded the usual annual parish council dinner, has taken place at the Jubilee Centre.

Greeting the 120 or so guests from all over the parish and neighbouring villages for the event was the parish council chairman, Cllr Brain J Sulman, with his wife Pearl, supported by the chief executive officer Mrs Caroline Steggles and members of the council.

■ With an even higher attendance of members than in the previous two years, the Beck Row Thursday Club once again thoroughly enjoyed a formal visit to Beck Row Primary School.

In a quite delightful set of arrangements, the entire school, carefully prepared by the extremely supportive staff and their helpers, clearly enjoyed performing for their guests, who themselves were often wreathed in smiles or in fits of laughter as the afternoon progressed.

Much of the material was completely new to the visitors while the various musical arrangements, as usual, produced nodding heads and tapping toes.

Not least was the delightful *Morning Town Ride* (splendidly choreographed) which was first heard in the old school hall more than 40 years ago!

At the end of the concert, club chairman Jean Butcher, in expressing the club's thanks, handed over to headmistress Jan Oldfield a cheque, which will be used for school purposes.

This was Mrs Oldfield's last time in charge, since she will very shortly be retiring from teaching.

To warm applause, she was presented by Mrs Butcher with a magnificent bouquet. Mrs Oldfield, in expressing her appreciation of the unstinted support of the club's senior citizens, said the gift had probably made her really aware for the first time that her final day at the school was quickly drawing near!

John Barker

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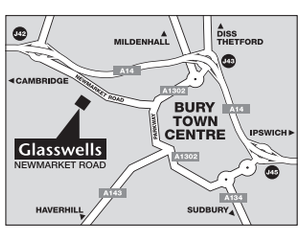

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‘The day I finally met my family after 56 years’

BY ALICE RYAN

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

Put into a home at birth and adopted by a mother who was too sick to look after her, Sue Jiggins spent her whole childhood longing for a normal family life.

STANDING on the doorstep, her head spinning and heart hammering, Sue Jiggins was a bag of nerves.

Adopted at birth, the 56-year-old was about to meet her biological mother for the very first time – and she was terrified.

“I had a terrible pain in my chest; I thought I was going to have a heart attack,” admits Sue, with a laugh. “It felt like I was about to go on stage but I hadn’t rehearsed my lines – or that I was going for a job interview. I was hiding behind my husband like a child! I kept thinking: ‘What if she doesn’t like the look of me?’”

Question answered: Sue Jiggins and, inset, her biological mother Margaret.

Ever since the Girton woman discovered she was adopted – her adoptive mother broke the news when she was 10 – Sue had dreamed of finding her birth family; finally, after months of hard work and soul-searching, the moment of reunion had arrived.

“My sister opened the door,” remembers Sue. “And there was my mother, standing behind her. I said: ‘It’s really nice to meet you’ and she smiled . . . It was an odd feeling, being there with these complete strangers, but knowing they were actually my family.

“No matter what happens in the future, even if I never see them again, I will always be glad I found them. I know who my family are now; I know who I am.”

Sue, herself a mum-of-four, was born in Surrey in the winter of 1953. Until last year, all she knew was that she had been placed in a children’s home at birth and adopted at 10 weeks old; Sue now knows that her parents, both Australian, had met in London, got together and had her out of wedlock. At the time, she explains, that was quite a scandal.

“My mother, Margaret, was the youngest of seven. Her mother died when she was only three and she was raised by her older sister, who was 11,” Sue recounts.

“When I was born she felt she couldn’t keep me; she thought her father, who was quite elderly by then, would be very upset if she arrived back in Australia with a baby. So she put me in the children’s home.”

Adopted by a childless couple from Cambridge, the Vickers, Sue says the first three years of her life were happy. Her new parents had lost two babies at six months old, so she was a badly wanted child.

But then her mother, Sylvia, fell ill. Doctors diagnosed a tumour on the spine – and gave her a matter of weeks to live. “It must have been devastating for her and my father,” says Sue. “They’d waited so long to have a family and, so soon after they got me, their world fell apart.”

Although Sylvia defied the doctors’ predictions – she actually lived for years, well into her 60s – she was an invalid for most of Sue’s childhood. For six years she was in and out of hospital and, even when she was at home, she was pretty much confined to bed.

“I had no relationship with my mother at all, to be honest,” admits Sue. “I used to sit on her lap for five minutes and that would be it, she’d be too tired. And my father was out at work: he wanted to run his own business and he was very determined.

“I spent most of my time with au pairs or with the cleaner – she was the one who organised my birthday parties. The one thing I wanted more than anything was a brother or sister to play with. I ended up playing with the cats: there was one Siamese, in particular, who was very friendly, so I used to put him in a pushchair and wheel him round the garden.”

Sue spent the early years of her life in Girton – in the very house she lives in now. But, when she was 10, her parents decided to relocate to a bungalow in Cambridge. “It was when we moved that my mother told me I was adopted,” says Sue. “I was 10 at the time and I couldn’t take it in, I couldn’t believe it. I remember thinking: ‘But I thought I was your child’.”

Sue met her husband, Peter, when they were young teenagers. “We actually met at Jesus Green swimming pool,” she recounts. “It was love at first sight. That was a happy time for me; as a child I hadn’t had many happy moments, so it was lovely.”

The couple married when Sue was 21. Her happiness would have been complete – but then, right before the wedding, her father left her mother for a younger woman. “When I think about

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Family photo: Sue, centre, meets her brother Mark and sister Rebecca in Australia.

Right: a young Sue with her adoptive parents. CP

everything she went through – losing her babies, being so ill, losing her husband – it does make me feel very sad," Sue admits.

Sue and Peter went on to have four children of their own, all boys, now aged from 32 to 17. Despite her own unhappy childhood experiences, Sue says she always wanted to have a family of her own – and give her children as much joy and love in their lives as possible.

When Sue's old home in Girton came up for sale, she and Peter decided to buy it; Sue says she felt drawn to the place, even though her memories of it were mixed.

"I think I'm quite a strong person and I've certainly got a happy disposition," she smiles. "Luckily for me, I tend to bounce back."

Sitting at her dining room table, Sue points out a collection of black and white photos displayed on a corner shelf. There are pictures of both her adoptive parents there; sadly, both have long since died – her mother of meningitis, aged 65.

"I'd been thinking about tracing my biological family for years," continues Sue. "I always wanted to find them but I'd never found the right time. It wasn't until our eldest, Andre, moved out to Australia that I decided to take the plunge: I knew my parents were Australian, you see, from the birth certificate. And Andre encouraged me, he said he'd help. I also thought that time was running out: I knew my mother would be in her 80s."

Using what little documentation she had, Sue started piecing her story together. "A social worker came to see me and suggested going through various agencies," she says. "But I had the address of a house where my mother had lived when she was young; I knew it was a long shot, but I thought it couldn't hurt to write."

A few weeks later, out of the blue, Sue's phone rang on a Sunday afternoon. The Australian woman on the other end of the line explained she was now the occupant of the old address – and she knew Margaret, Sue's mother.

Put in touch with one of Margaret's close friends, Sue started emailing her. "She was shocked," says Sue. "She said she'd known my mother for 40 years and had no idea she'd had a child in London. She suggested I write a bit of an autobiography and put together some photos, send them to her and she would pass them on. I did that – but I heard nothing for months, four or five months! It was so frustrating."

Eventually, Sue heard from Margaret's youngest daughter, Mandy. She was, it transpired, Sue's full sister – one of her four full siblings. "I was so excited about that," says Sue. "To have been raised as an only child and always dreamed of having brothers and sisters, well, it was amazing to think that, all that time, I was actually the eldest of five."

Although Sue was overjoyed to hear from Mandy, she was concerned to learn that Margaret's response had been less enthusiastic. "Apparently she'd said: 'I didn't really want to go there'," Sue continues. "I felt sad, drained, very upset, very emotional . . . But Mandy was really friendly. She said it had been a huge shock to find out about me, but that I'd be more than welcome to visit and stay with her. Apparently my mother had kept the whole thing a big secret."

Sue learned that her parents had married on returning to Australia, settled down together and had a family. She also discovered that Rebecca, the eldest of the four children they'd raised in Adelaide, was less than 12 months her junior: Sue is 56, Rebecca 55. That meant only one thing – that Rebecca too had been born out of wedlock in London but, for some reason, Margaret had decided to take her home to Australia.

"I felt really rejected at that point," admits Sue. "I didn't know why she felt she had to give me up – yet felt able to keep Rebecca. In fact I still don't know."

Yet, determined to stay positive, Sue decided to be brave – and pick up the phone to her birth mother (her biological father had died some time earlier). Mandy warned her not to be disappointed if their mum seemed a bit cool. "I was absolutely trembling," remembers Sue. "But we spoke. It was a very strange feeling: this was my birth mother I was talking to, yet she was a complete stranger."

After making that first contact, Sue and Peter decided to take a trip to Australia, to both visit Andre and meet Sue's family. Waiting at the airport, for her brother Nick to pick her up, Sue says she felt "horribly nervous". But Nick, like the rest of his siblings, gave her a really warm reception.

For the duration of the visit, Sue says Margaret was perfectly friendly, but she remained distant. Feeling unable to ask too many questions, for fear of upsetting her birth mother, Sue admits she left Australia still wanting some answers: why had her existence been kept a secret? Why was she put up for adoption, and Rebecca not?

But the biggest question of all was answered. "I know now where I come from: it really is like finding that missing piece of the jigsaw," says Sue. "When I started out on this journey I felt daunted, my mind was full of 'What if this?' and 'What if that?'

"What I've learned is that, whatever you discover, you can't look back – you just have to keep looking forward."

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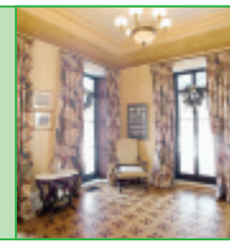

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THERE are some homes which envelop guests in feelings of warmth, like a blanket.

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"There's no doubt that the way we want to live now has changed, the idea of gross excess in all its forms is no longer desirable. Quiet enjoyment – based around the home – is seen as admirable," she points out.

"I think it's the ideal moment to look more closely at our homes and see how we can make them more comfortable without huge injections of cash, without turning everything upside down or bringing in major changes."

Her new book, aptly named *The Comforts of Home*, includes an inspiring collection of rejuvenating and transformative tips.

Some of the guidance harks back to inexpensive natural remedies, and housekeeping rituals of bygone eras, while other suggestions are ingenious ways to achieve bang-up-to-date styles without breaking the bank.

Caroline, who lives in London but has over the years travelled Europe visiting a myriad of homes, says: "The current order of the day is a house that is warm and easy to live in, decorated with individuality and taste, not excess and extravagance.

"There are so many things that one can do to make a place, a room, more comfortable, more pleasant to be in – so many small decorative changes that rely on imagination and style, rather than a deep purse. Creating a comfortable home is actually far more about thought than money."

'Creating a comfortable home is more about thought than money': According to Caroline Clifton-Mogg.

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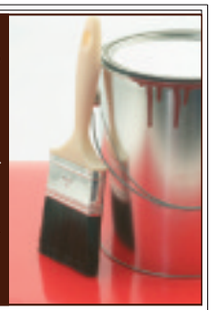

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£80k cannabis 'safe house' keeper jailed

A MAN who kept a "safe house" of drugs containing nearly £80,000 of cannabis has been jailed.

Cambridge Crown Court heard how Jeremy Pearce's home was turned into a storage warehouse for drug dealers in the area.

But police rumbled the operation when they executed a search warrant at Pearce's bungalow in Meadowlands, Burwell, and found the large stash of cannabis in the bedroom.

Judge Anthony Bate sent Pearce, 37, to prison for two years after he said Pearce had allowed his house to be used for "illicit purposes".

Judge Bate added: "You were in the business of being the warehouseman. You provided the safe house for the stash of drugs used in a supply operation by others."

When police searched Pearce's home on October 23 last year they discovered several items including cellophane wrapped bars of cannabis resin, packages of cannabis and electronic scales.

They found large quantities of the drug stashed under the bed, in drawers and in containers. In total Pearce was storing a total amount of cannabis with a wholesale value of £79,376. He also had £13,880 in cash.

When he was arrested, Pearce said he was not a dealer but was tasked with keeping the cannabis for others.

Police analysed mobile phones found at the address but could find no evidence that he had been supplying the drugs.

Pearce said he had been bullied into the "warehouseman" role and had felt he had little choice but to play along.

He later pleaded guilty to one count of possessing cannabis with intent to supply, one count of possessing cannabis resin with intent to supply and one count of possessing criminal property.

Georgina Gibbs, in mitigation, said there was "pressure brought to bear on him".

She said: "He fully accepts there were steps he could have taken not to be part of this enterprise."

Miss Gibbs went on to say Pearce had begun to transform his life in prison, taking education courses in IT, gym instruction and personal money management.

He has also become an "enhanced prisoner" and works as a learning support assistant to other inmates who cannot read or write.

In addition Pearce takes part in a voluntary drug testing scheme to prove he is clean.

Police link metal thefts on building sites

THIEVES caused thousands of pounds damage to new homes under construction when they stole copper piping and electrical cables.

The damage was caused when pipes were ripped from walls and doors forced.

Four houses under construction in Park Lane, Newmarket, suffered around £2,000 damage when pipes and cables worth around £100 were stolen over the weekend of March 20 and 21.

The incident is being linked with the theft of piping from flats under construction in George Lambton Avenue, Newmarket, on the night of Monday, March 22. Around £3,000 damage was caused when copper pipes worth about £200 were stolen.

Anyone with information should call the Suffolk police Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB) on (01473) 613500 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Funds allocated: Cllr Bill Sadler has donated more than half of his locality budget.

Locality cash helps community groups

A COUNTY councillor has given out more than half his locality budget of £13,050.

Cllr Bill Sadler, who represents Exning and Newmarket on Suffolk County Council, has so far paid out £7,935 of the budget he is allocated – according to population – for local projects.

Grants of £1,000 were given to Newmarket Community Partnership which used the cash for a contest for shop workers in the town, Exning Parish Council to help pay for new play equipment, the Wacky Snacky After School Club for outdoor play and garden equipment, Newmarket Town Pastors for training volunteers to help revellers on the town streets at weekends, and West Suffolk Swimming Club which received the cash to help pay travel costs for a competition abroad.

Newmarket Town Football Club received £691 for new tracksuits.

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Wild spring fun at Shepreth

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IT'S going to be a baby boom at Shepreth this Easter, with swans already building their nests, movement in marsupial pouches, chickens laying, ducks nesting and, of course, the addition of two more breeding pairs of polecats.

Already flaunting their twins are the resident pair of Red-bellied tamarins. Keepers at Shepreth are keeping a close eye on the babies, which have been spotted, still attached to mum and dad, investigating their new surroundings.

Other additions making an appearance this spring include three young capybara set to join the friendly mara in Animals of America, eight dopey tortoises who have just started to wake up after their long winter sleep and a male snowy owl to companion the resident female.

As well as new faces, the Easter weekend will be filled with lots of fun and games with the recent unveiling of Ringo's Play Barn, designed for children to unleash the animal in them. Shepreth Wildlife Park will also be holding the traditional four-day Easter egg hunt, along with the grand opening of the brand new Bunny Land.

Welcome: An Agouti at Shepreth Wildlife Park.

Easter is also an exciting time for the hedgehog keepers, having spent months of care and attention tenderly nurturing scores of underweight, autumn juveniles. The keepers at Shepreth are getting ready to say their goodbyes to the now fit and healthy adults.

With spring here, many members of the public who first rescued the weak youngsters will be recollecting them and releasing them back to where they first came. The Hedgehog Hospital will then be clear for expansion, with a new unit being built offering more space for new facilities, for this ever-expanding conservation project.

Visitors to Shepreth Wildlife Park will also be able to take advantage of the new season ticket, offering great value for money on regular visits to see the animals and hours of fun and entertainment in Ringo's Play Barn. And if that wasn't enough excitement, also new for Easter are a selection of captivating experiences to add to the growing animal encounter repertoire. Latest additions to the Animal Experience brochure include: Bird of Prey Experience, Meet the Meerkats, and for all tiger fanatics, Shepreth has just launched the Tiger Keeper experience.

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Having fun: There's lots going on at Shepreth Wildlife Park over the Easter period and beyond.

Happy: White Lip Tamarin with babies at Shepreth Wildlife Park.

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"We are grateful to all the traders and general public for supporting the market over the years and hope people will come along on Easter Monday and give it a good send-off."

The popular car boot sales will continue to run on the market field and will commence on Sunday, April 18 and then every fortnight until October 3. A dog show is planned to run alongside the car boot sale on Sunday, May 23 (Whit Sunday).

For more information about car boot sales and functions on the market field please visit *www.fordhammarket-carboot.co.uk*.

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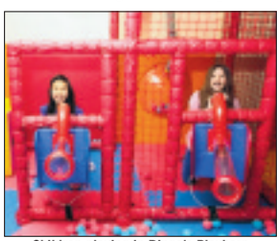

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Warning on surveillance procedures

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A COUNCIL is to tighten up its surveillance procedures after a judge expressed concern about the way it uses its powers.

The judge, Lord Colville of Carlos, recommended that Forest Heath District Council made changes in its policy governing the use of covert investigation methods.

As one of the Government's surveillance commissioners, he made an inspection of the council's procedures last year after national media revelations about "snooping" by councils and misuse of powers.

A report to the council, which meets today, says he outlined concerns with the council's policy.

The report also says the Home Office issued revised codes of practice together with draft "statutory instruments" to councils in January.

A council spokeswoman said: "Lord Colville recommended that a new comprehensive policy document properly updated and revised should be drafted, that the latest version of authorisation forms should be used and that training should be arranged.

"The report to council today seeks approval of the revised policy, the new forms are in use and the training is being arranged.

"The report also addresses recent regulation changes introduced by the government."

The council's overview and scrutiny committee earlier this month asked for a regular report of authorised uses of covert surveillance which now has to be authorised by one of the council's two directors.

Councils can use covert surveillance to gather evidence about breaches of planning laws, licensing and environmental health laws covering issues such as fly-tipping and illegal taxi operations.

The council's policy says the use of the powers must be proved to be "necessary and proportionate".

On tour: PCSO Becky Simpson with Cllr Roger Dicker in Kentford. CP

Community officers make tour of villages

POLICE community support officers will be touring villages in the Mildenhall area next month with a mobile police station.

PCSOs Becky Simpson and Dawn Rowan, members of the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team, have toured villages including Kentford, Gazeley, Dalham and Moulton.

Next month they will be at Red Lodge, Barton Mills, Worlington, Freckenham, Herringswell, Tuddenham and Icklingham.

PCSO Simpson said: "We enjoy getting out to the local rural communities and engaging with people who may find it hard to travel to meet us. This is an opportunity for them to meet their local officer, report an issue or come along for some advice. We want to hear about how we can help you, so if you see us about then please stop and talk to us.

"Not only do we use the mobile police station to help us meet residents in our area, but our team also hold regular street meets all over Mildenhall and surgeries in Mildenhall Library. For upcoming mobile police station dates and other events visit *www.safersuffolk.org.uk*."

Converter removed

A CATALYTIC converter was stolen from a van parked on an industrial estate.

The converter, which is used to remove harmful emissions, was taken from the exhaust system of a Volkswagen LT 35 van parked at Albion Court, Studlands Park Avenue, Newmarket, between 5pm on Wednesday, March 17 and 9am the following day.

Anyone with information should call Suffolk police's Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB) on (01473) 613500 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

On catwalk to aid church

A FASHION show will raise money for the upkeep of a church.

The show, on Tuesday, April 6, will be at M&Co in High Street, Newmarket, at 7.15pm.

It will raise money for St Mary's Church in the town.

Tickets are £7, including refreshments, from the shop and from churchwarden Janet Ramsay-Helie on (01638) 603489.

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DIY fun to make Easter great

STUMPED for inspiration on how to spend the Easter break? Check out our great ideas.

BLOWING EGGS

Way before children filled their days with computer games and social networking, blowing eggs was a popular pastime.

Simply take a pin to the large end of an egg and make a hole. Do the same at the other end, but make this a bit bigger by turning the pin as you push it in.

Then, with the egg over a sink or bowl, put your mouth (or straw if you prefer) over the smaller hole and blow so the egg comes out of the other end.

Once emptied fill up the egg with water (through the largest hole), then cover up both ends and give it a good shake. Let the water out and let the egg dry for a day or so.

Then get out your paint set, glitter and accessories and get decorating!

AN EGG AND SPOON RACE

If egg blowing sounds too fiddly, hard boil some eggs and invite some of your children's friends (and their parents) around for a traditional egg and spoon race.

Head to your local park if you don't have enough outside space.

MAKE YOUR OWN CHOCOLATE EGGS

Beat the credit crunch, keep the kids occupied and avoid a last-minute dash to the shops by making your own chocolate eggs.

Chocolate egg moulds are cheap to buy – then you just need to melt some cooking chocolate and pour it in. Make sure the edges are flat before the shells set too firmly so the two halves will fit together.

Once they're set, 'glue' the two halves together with more melted chocolate, or simply wrap ribbon around them both.

EASTER EGG HUNT

You're never too old to get caught up in the excitement of an Easter egg hunt.

Plant some small chocolate eggs around your garden – or a small area of your local park – and watch the fun unfold. Turn it into a treasure hunt by leaving clues rather than eggs at every spot.

FAMILY DAYS OUT – THE NATIONAL TRUST EASTER EGG TRAIL

If you like little culture but don't think your children will appreciate the finery of a stately home, head to one of the National Trust properties that are hosting Easter Egg Trails. Visit *www.eastereggtrails.co.uk* to find the nearest participating venue.

MAKE YOUR OWN EGG CUP

There's no better time to head to a DIY pottery centre to make – and then decorate – your own egg cup. Get the whole family involved and you'll end up with a complete set!

■ This weekend at Wimpole children can egg-splore the farm and take part in a fun Easter egg trail. All they have to do is solve the clues to complete the trail and they will be rewarded with a chocolaty treat!

The Easter Egg Trail will be held daily from Friday, April 2 to Monday, April 5 from 10.30am-4.30pm. Normal farm admission charge applies plus a £1 charge for the trail booklet.

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Yorkshire's Shakespeare on board for a coach trip

As he prepares to direct a revival of his 2002 play *Men of the World* in Cambridge, the prolific, multi-award-winning writer John Godber shares the secrets of his success.

***MEN of the World* is a play I'm very fond of.** It's a three-hander about a trio of long distance coach drivers who have just returned from a holiday down the Rhine Valley with a group of old age pensioners, and they recount the many episodes on that particular trip.

In a lot of ways it's a celebration of a dispossessed section of our society. It's touching and amusing, I'd like to think. It's also, if you like, about people whose aspirations aren't particularly high and, given the poor returns on their pension investments, a bus trip is all they can afford.

It's political with a small p. It certainly isn't candy floss. I think it's got a point to make about how that sector of society has been let down in many ways.

Throwing different people together in new situations is a great melting pot. That's like boiling frogs. The dialectic in this play is you have an elderly driver who is nearly the same age as the passengers and you've got a younger driver who absolutely hates these trips and would much rather be on the 18-30 holiday to Malaga. The truth of the matter is we're all getting older, and the potential for bus travel or caravan holidays or sedentary leisure activities becomes more and more a reality.

I've always written about unlikely subjects. It's true I've written a lot about ordinary people in ordinary jobs; these are people with whom I've had some involvement with and some affinity to, and there's an absence of other people writing about them and giving voice to their hopes, fears and expectations. These are the people I see on the street and I interface with and that's who I write about. They may not, in fact, be theatregoers. I've always assumed that theatregoers are going to go anyway, and I always felt, perhaps because of my own background, that I wanted to bring in people for who, on the face of it, theatre isn't for them but who, having dipped a toe in the water, think, actually, this *is* for us.

At one time, theatre was dominated by plays about working class people written by middle class people for other middle class people. I'm not sure that's entirely the case now. I suppose I've become one of those middle class people. The paradox is one writes something from a point of view, the plays become successful and suddenly you're no longer living in a garret. I'd be the first to admit that. But that doesn't mean to say the heart and the affection and the empathy isn't still there.

Sometimes I get slightly frustrated by plays about, in inverted commas, ordinary people, where it's all doom and gloom. Clearly it's difficult because of economic and educational circumstances, and quite often dysfunctional circumstances, but also there are elements of people with very little money to spend who are trying to make the best of it.

That statistic about me being the UK's third most performed playwright gets quoted a lot. But I don't walk around thinking about it. My plays are done a hell of a lot, but they're done badly quite a bit, and I've witnessed them. I've always thought, if you want to see an Ayckbourn, go to Scarborough and watch Alan do it, and if you're going to see a John Godber play, see one that he's directed, because I think quite often other people miss the nuance and just go for the straight, big comedy. They miss the poetry and I think they also miss the pain.

Of course I was surprised when *Bouncers* – a play inspired by a Pontefract nightclub – became a big international hit. But you look back and you think, what was it that made it work? Perhaps it was the élan of the storytelling – just four people playing all those parts. Or perhaps it was something to do with the truth, with the tawdry nature of the evening experience. I've seen it in Flemish and I couldn't understand what the hell they were doing. They could have been doing *Postman Pat* for all I knew. And it was recently done again in Los Angeles, where they'd set it in Ireland, because they clearly thought that was northern England.

Never think there's nothing left to learn, because you'd be wrong. You also need to know your enemy – know what's out there and find where you fit into the panorama of things. There are a lot of people writing plays that could have been written by other people, and if you're serious about writing then you have to find the pulse, the beat that makes it work for you. And once you've found your own voice, stick to it.

Men of the World*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Saturday at 7.45pm (Sat mat 2.30pm). Contact: (01223) 503 333 / *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com

Interview: Paul Kirkley

ACCORDING to official Government statistics, no less, John Godber is the third most performed playwright in the UK, after William Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn.

Born in West Yorkshire in 1956, the BAFTA and Olivier Award-winning writer worked as a drama teacher before becoming artistic director of the struggling Hull Truck Theatre Company in 1984.

Through plays like *Up 'n' Under, Teechers, On The Piste* and *April in Paris*, Godber – described by *The Guardian* as "Yorkshire's own contemporary Shakespeare" – developed a distinctive style of observational comedy drama, often focusing on working class people in ordinary jobs and situations. In total he has written more than 50 original plays and adaptations.

A professor of drama at Hull University and Professor of popular theatre at Liverpool Hope University, he has also written extensively for television, and directed the 1998 feature film version of *Up 'n' Under*.

Leisure or events news? **email paul.kirkley@cambridge-news.co.uk call (01223) 434448**

Cooper magic returns to stage

JUS' Like That is an evening of non-stop entertainment that brings Tommy Cooper back to life, live on stage, with all his familiar trademarks – the fez, the laugh and the magic.

It is 25 years since the late, great Tommy Cooper died on stage at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End.

Now Clive Mantle, star of *Casualty*, *Holby City* and *The Vicar of Dibley*, re-creates the iconic entertainer on a six- month national tour which visits Cambridge Arts Theatre next Monday and Tuesday at 7.45pm.

Tickets £10 / £15 / £20 are subject to a £2 booking fee. Ring the box office on (01223) 503333 or go to *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com*

Birthday bash

LOCAL group The Melodybeats are about to celebrate their 40th birthday.

The Melodybeats kicked off their fruitful career back in the spring of 1970; the idea of renowned Cambridge musicians Ivan Docwra and John Davidson.

Over the years they have played approaching 2,000 gigs, appearing with acts such as Bad Manners, The Tornados, The Marmalade and Jess Conrad.

The boys insist this current milestone is nothing other than an excuse for a party, so they will be holding a birthday bash at Landbeach Village Hall this Sunday from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Music at Madingley

MADINGLEY Hall will play host to recitals by the Alberni String Quartet tomorrow and Sunday.

Tomorrow's recital of Beethoven's Opus 18 no 4, Opus 95 Serioso and Opus 131 will be followed on Sunday by Beethoven's Opus 18 no 3, Opus 59 no 2 Razumovsky and Opus 135.

Both recitals will start at 8pm and cost £14 each. Book by calling (01223) 746262.

My Fair Lady sings her way to supreme success

REVIEW: JANCIS HARVEY

MY Fair Lady is a great choice for the NOMADS spring production at The King's Theatre in Newmarket this week.

Directed by Allan Baxter and starring Danni Scharpf and Eric Maguire, it tells the story of Professor Higgins's efforts to transform the 'core blimey' Cockney flowergirl Eliza Doolittle into a lady fit to grace any society stage. Being, as he thinks, a confirmed bachelor, Higgins doesn't realise the consequences and the feelings that ensue between himself and his prodigy.

In 1913, George Bernard Shaw wrote the play, *Pygmalion*, on which this show is based. He took his story from Greek mythology, and Pygmalion, the king of Cyprus, who resolved to live unmarried, finding so much fault with womankind. He sculpted a statue of a beautiful woman that he named Galatea, and found her so perfect that he fell in love with her. Shaw's play, *Pygmalion,* concerns a phonetics professor's efforts to refine the speech and manner of a cockney flowergirl for life among the Edwardian society and, in 1956, songwriters Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe set this story to music with the classic and the multi-award winning musical, *My Fair Lady*.

Eric Maguire as Professor Higgins, is a totally natural choice for this role and he blends exquisitely with Danni Scharpf's Eliza. The bond between them is fairly mind-blowing at times, when it is apparent how he feels about his own creation, as he watches the transformation in her.

His voice is great throughout and especially with *I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face*.

Danni has always been a 'one to watch' but her performance at The King's this time is totally captivating. With her dramatisations and perfect vocals in *Wouldn't It Be Loverly*, *Just You Wait*!, *I Could Have Danced All Night*, she has the audience in the palm of her hands. The memorable moments between herself and Eric Maguire come with *The Rain in Spain*.

David Dowle is another natural, with Alfred P Doolittle along with his mates, and the memorable *With A Little Bit Of Luck* and *Get Me To The Church*. The relative newcomer Michael Stokes as Freddy Eynesford-Hill gives us the unforgettable *On The Street Where You Live*. The chorus numbers are many and well managed with choreography by Andy Thorpe and most memorable are the Royal Ascot, Covent Garden and ballroom scenes.

The preview audience loved all the most remembered and well-loved songs and were utterly engrossed throughout the evening.

My Fair Lady is a 'big show' and a considerable undertaking for the cast and crew of NOMADS.

With the stunning costumes, conceived and designed by Wallace Wareham and Sarah Willsher, and terrific musical numbers, under the musical direction of Craig Sayers, it stands out as one of the supreme successes at The Kings Theatre.

NOMADS' production of *My Fair Lady* continues at the King's Theatre this week until Saturday, with performances at 4pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £10/£8 were selling quickly. Call the box office on (01638) 663337.

My Fair Lady: from left are John Mitchell, Danni Scharpf as Eliza and Eric Maguire. Inset: Eliza with Mrs Pearce (Teresa Baron). CP

Easter theatre for kids

EASTER holiday fun for children has been arranged by Cambridge City Council's Arts and Entertainments with two days of theatre.

Two colourful and imaginative shows for children aged 3-9 years old will be presented by acclaimed theatre companies Booster Cushion Theatre and Pekkos Puppets.

The shows will take place at Queen Edith's Primary School in Godwin Way, Cambridge.

On Wednesday at 11am, Booster Cushion Theatre will present *Big Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, a comical show with plenty of audience participation, featuring a cuddly pop-up book!

Alan in Wonderland and The Three Goats* at 2pm is a comical re-telling of a number of much loved stories, including *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Three Goats*. For more information visit *www.booster-cushion.co.uk

Then next Thursday at 11am, Pekkos Puppets present *Anansi Tales, Tiger Tales*, a tale about a mischievous spider.

At 2pm, *Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf* sees Clever Polly cheerfully pitting her wits against the dim but determined wolf. For more information visit *www.pekkospuppets.co.uk*

Tickets for each show are £4.50 in advance from the Corn Exchange box office on (01223) 357851. Any unsold tickets will be available on the door on the day.

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Whip It (12A): Wed and Thurs 12.40pm.
How To Train Your Dragon 3-D (PG): Daily 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm.
How To Train Your Dragon (PG): 10.15am, 12.45pm, 3.15pm.
Clash of the Titans 3-D: Daily 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 7.15pm, 8.40pm, 9.40pm.
Kick-Ass (15): Daily 10.25am, 1.15pm, 4.05pm, 5.50pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm, 9.30pm. Audio description 10.45am, 1.15pm, 4.05pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm (subtitled) Sun 1.15pm, Thurs 6.45pm.
Remember Me (12A): Daily except Sat 10.20am, 1.05pm 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm.
Nanny Mc Phee & The Big Bang (U): Daily 11am, 12 noon, 1.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 7pm, 8pm.
The Blind Side (12A): Daily 3.20pm, 6.25pm, 9.15pm.
The Bounty Hunter (12A): Daily 9.25pm.
Alice in Wonderland 3-D (PG): Daily 11.40am, 2.10pm, 4.40pm.
Alice in Wonderland (PG): 10.10am Daily except Sat, 12.40pm except Wed and Thurs.
Race to Witch Mountain (PG): Sat 10am.
Aliens in the Attic (PG): Sat 10am.
Planet 51 (U): Sat 10am.

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0871 224 0240
www.myvue.com
Times from Fri, Apr 2 until Thu, Apr 8
Whip It (12a): Wed, Thurs 2.45pm, 5.20pm.
Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (U): Daily 10.20am.
Clash of the Titans 3D (12A): Daily 8.30pm, Fri/Sat/Sun/Late 11.10pm
Clash of the Titans 2D (12A): Daily 9am, 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, Fri/Sat/Sun/Late 11.50pm
Kick-Ass (15): Daily 10.40am, 1.20pm except Sun, 4pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm except Tues, 8.10pm, 9.10pm, Fri/Sat/Sun/Wed Late 10.50pm, 11.40pm (subtitled) Sun 1.20pm, Tues 6.30pm
How To Train Your Dragon 3-D (PG): Daily 10.50am, 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm
How To Train Your Dragon 2-D (PG): Daily 9.30pm
Remember Me (12A): Daily 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm
The Blind Side (12A): Sun Only 6pm, Mon Only 8.50pm.
Nanny Mcphee & The Big Bang: Daily 9.20, 11.50am, 2.30pm, 5.10pm, 7.45pm
Alice In Wonderland 2D (PG): Daily 9.10am, 11.30am, 2pm, 4.40pm, 7.10pm.
Shutter Island (15): Daily 11.40am (2.45pm 5.50pm not Wed/Thurs) 8.50pm
The Bounty Hunter (12a): Daily: 10am, 12.30pm, 3pm, 10.15pm.
The Blind Side (12a): Daily 9.40pm.
The Spy Next Door (PG): Daily 9.30am.
Green Zone (15): Fri/Sat/Sun/Wed Late 11.20pm.
I Love You Phillip Morris (15): Fri/Sat/Sun/Wed Late 11.20pm.

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Samson and Delilah (15) Daily except Wed 12.noon, Fri-Mon: 4.30pm, 6.50pm, Tue-Thu: 4.40pm, 6.50pm.
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The Father of My Children (12A): Daily: 1pm except Mon and Fri, Fri: 12noon, 7.15pm, Sat/Sun/Tue/Thu6.40pm, Mon: 12.30am, 5.50pm
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (18)
Daily: 9pm except Mon, Fri: 2.10pm, Sat/Sun: 3.15pm, Mon: 2.45pm, 4pm
Tue-Thu: 3.15pm
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG)
Fri: 1pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, Sat: 12noon, 2.10pm, 6.20pm, Sun: 6.40pm, 9.15pm, Mon and Tue: 2.10pm, 6.40pm, Wed and Thu: 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm
Shutter Island (15): Mon-Thu: 9am
Kids Club: Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Sat: 11am
Picturehouse Dogs: Mugabe and the White African (12A) Sun: 2pm, Tue: 4.40pm
Duck Baker: The Roots and Branches of American Music Mon: 8.45pm
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BIG SCREAM! (Parents and babies club members only): **Samson and Delilah (15), Where the Wild Things are (PG)** Wed: 11am

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Times from Fri, Apr 2, until Thu, Apr 8
Alvin & The Chipmunks 2 (U): Tues 3pm.
Invictus (12A): Tues and Thurs 7.30pm.
Astro Boy (PG): Thurs 3pm

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Times from Fri, Apr 2 until Thu, Apr 8
Alice in Wonderland 2D: Mon 2.30pm.
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo: Mon 3.30pm, 7.30pm.
Glorious 39: Mon 8.30pm.
Ondine: Mon 6pm.

The big film

NANNY McPHEE AND THE BIG BANG (U, 109 mins) Comedy. Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Asa Butterfield, Lilian Woods, Oscar Steer, Eros Vlahos, Rosie Taylor-Ritson, Dame Maggie Smith, Rhys Ifans, Sinead Matthews, Katy Brand, Ralph Fiennes, Ewan McGregor. Director: Susanna White.

RELEASED in 2005, the original *Nanny McPhee* was a strong successor to *Mary Poppins* in every way.

Adapted from the *Nurse Matilda* books by Christianna Brand, the film pitted seven mischievous tykes against an ugly woman with a snaggle tooth, warts and an oversized nose, who had a few tricks up her sleeve when it came to childcare.

Susanna White's colourful sequel casts an even more bewitching spell, introducing the mysterious nanny to a family in crisis in wartime Britain.

Nanny McPhee and The Big Bang is a glorious, rumbustious romp that once again demonstrates Emma Thompson's magical touch in front of and behind the camera.

As screenwriter, she crafts believable, funny and endearing characters, whose plights move us to laughter and tears as the plot twists and turns.

In her guise as the eponymous guardian angel, Thompson underlines the central message about inner beauty with another sparkling performance. Also, she gels wonderfully with her young co-stars.

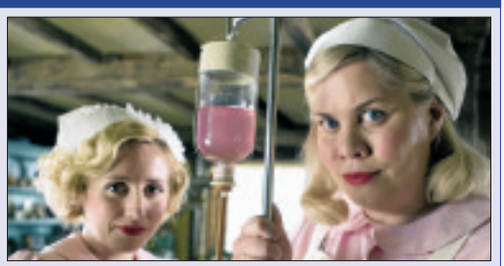
While her husband (McGregor) is away at war, Mrs Green (Gyllenhaal) valiantly takes care of the farm with her three children, Norman (Butterfield), Megsie (Woods) and Vincent (Steer).

When she's not tending the homestead, Mrs Green earns a little money in the village shop – run by doddering Mrs Docherty (Smith).

Chaos ensues when snooty, well-to-do cousins Cyril (Vlahos) and Celia (Taylor-Ritson) come to stay and take an immediate dislike to the rest of the brood.

Thankfully, Nanny McPhee (Thompson) arrives in the nick of time to prevent serious injury. She uses her special walking stick to show the little brats that the best way to overcome any problem is to work together.

Meanwhile, Mrs Green's brother Phil (Ifans) schemes to get his sister to sell the farm so he can pay off his spiralling debts and avoid a beating from Miss Topsey (Matthews) and hulking sidekick, Miss Turvey (Brand).



Gardening guru's top tips for a glorious greenhouse

by Hannah Stephenson

If you want to sow seeds earlier, have better crops of tomatoes and cucumbers, and tender plants during the cooler months, it may be time to buy a greenhouse.

TV gardening guru Alan Titchmarsh loves pottering in his Hampshire greenhouse, which measures 8ft x 15ft, but advises green-fingered enthusiasts to think carefully about their needs before they buy.

"Make it twice as big as you think you need, because however big a greenhouse you get you will fill it to overflowing. Buy the largest you can possibly afford and fit in," he says.

"My greenhouse is packed. I keep thinking I'll have to have a purge in spring and throw a lot out so I can do something new but it's difficult to find the heart to throw things away which are growing well."

Don't forget to allow for hidden costs of a greenhouse, he advises. Installing electricity and water will make a dent in your budget, along with laying a path leading to the greenhouse. Things such as staging, propagators, watering systems and automatic vent openers, plus blinds, heaters and insulation will also rack up the costs.

Of course, not all of us need a greenhouse. If you only want a few bedding plants you may be better off with a heated propagator on a windowsill indoors and a few cold frames.

A heated greenhouse will give you a much bigger range of plants to grow, he explains.

"Try to get your heating sorted, preferably make it electric heating which is thermostatically controlled so you can save money on it. Even being able to keep the frost out will tremendously widen the range of plants you can grow in there."

Fan heaters move the air around and will heat a larger area efficiently, while tubular heaters are suitable for smaller spaces. You can also buy heated propagators and soil-warming cables if you only want to heat the seeds you are sowing.

Invest in a maximum/minimum thermometer and put it where it will be easily read, but out of direct sun, which will interfere with the reading.

"An unheated greenhouse limits your season from April to September, although you can put hardy shrubs, flowering currants and camellias in there in pots if it's unheated, it will bring them on earlier," says Alan.

The greenhouse should be placed in full sun, because if it's shady the plants tend to become leggy. Place it in the most open site you can, keeping it around 10m (30ft) from any big trees, if you can. This is because of the shade they may cast and because the falling leaves and twigs will block gutters and increase the frequency with which you have to clean the glass.

"You can potter in the greenhouse all year round but there will come that hard core of winter from November to February when it's quiet, although my own greenhouse has been full of scented leaf pelargoniums right the way through.

"We've got marguerites flowering in there and little white jasmine."

If you want to grow ornamentals in your greenhouse, work out what temperature you can keep the greenhouse at and grow plants that suit that environment, rather than trying to match the heat to the needs of a variety of plants.

To keep an unheated greenhouse looking good, try to grow a succession of flowers, which will mean encouraging some plants to bloom a bit earlier than normal.

Scented shrubs are great early flowerers. The hardy Daphne odora Aureomarginata, for example, produces pale purple-pink fragrant flowers naturally early in the year and even earlier if it's under cover.

Other shrubs which look great in the greenhouse include mimosa (Acacia dealbata) and Buddleia asiatica.

Investing in a greenhouse will allow you to experiment with seeds, grow more fruit and veg, take cuttings and widen the range of plants you grow.

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■ *Alan Titchmarsh How To Garden Series: Greenhouse Gardening*, is published by BBC Books, priced £6.99.

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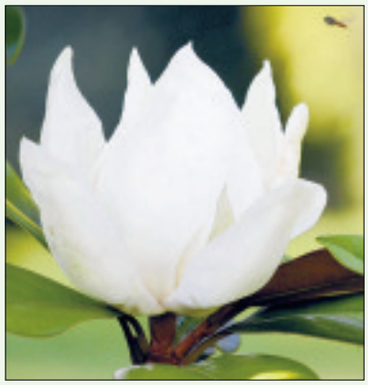

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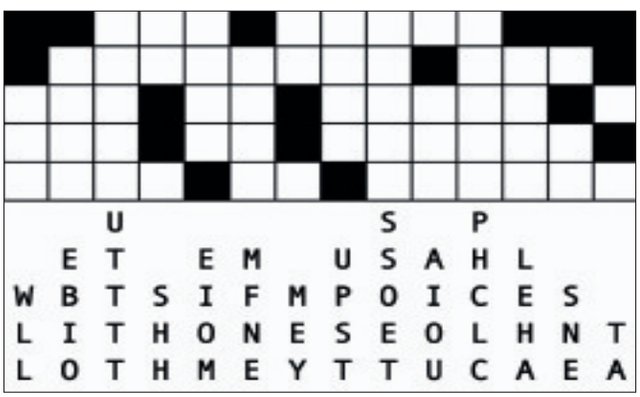

Lost letters 7

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order. Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is by Britney Spears.

■ Last week's solution: **Now is not the time for soundbites. I can feel the hand of history on my shoulder**

Four Ws

1. WHO...is the President of Zimbabwe?
WHAT...are the two colours on the flag of Cuba, other than white?
WHERE...is the Ireland rugby union team's home ground?
WHEN...was Nelson Mandela born?
2. WHO...played the title character in the film *Annie Hall*?
WHAT...sea lies to the north of Turkey?
WHERE...in Cornwall did Ellen MacArthur end her round-the-world trip?
WHEN...is St Stephen's Day?
3. WHO...wrote the plays *Bouncers* and *Up 'N' Under*?
WHAT...was Sri Lanka known as before 1972?
WHERE...in Europe would you spend a zloty?
WHEN...did Al Pacino pick up a Best Actor Oscar for *Scent Of A Woman*?

Answers: 1. Robert Mugabe; Red and blue; Lansdowne Road; 1918. **2.** Diane Keaton; Black Sea; Falmouth; December 26. **3.** John Godber; Ceylon; Poland; 1993.

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Sudoku 94:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

6	5	9	7	8	1	4	3	2
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1	8	3	2	5	4	6	9	7
4	9	6	8	1	7	3	2	5
9	6	5	4	7	8	2	1	3
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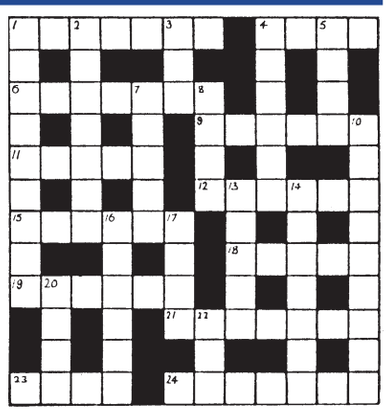
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2159



Across

1. Run through slowly to dupe the French. (7)
4. Tablet makes me quietly sick. (4)
6. Nominate a Polish leader, adding a tip. (7)
9. Pillaged gun damaged at first. (6)
11. Took seat that is for French composer. (5)
12. After little sleep, rejected article written by mother by canal. (6)
15. Neat skid towards flower. (6)
18. Graduates working with stone-worker. (5)
19. Green ground cover one learner put back, being supple. (6)
21. Tap Jazz singer on kneecap. (7)
23. On which to take bad news, or blow a feature. (4)
24. Filthy old boy faces view. (7)

Down

1. Amphibian takes seat in fungus. (9)
2. I am, dear, going to America - need a prod. (7)
3. Boy who learns enthusiastically, not from the start? (3)
4. Seabird suggests sort of pastry at home. (6)
5. Look at soldier learning. (4)
7. Former tribe in city I climb up to. (5)
8. Clue about the right outing. (4)
10. Sketched pheasant, perhaps, where nobody won. (5,4)
13. Acknowledge a daughter with short glove. (5)
14. Sailor to work out how to forgive. (7)
16. Give attention to sound that lets in development. (6)
17. Blow up the petrol machine. (4)
20. 23 could go a short way. (4)
22. Clerical vestment held on to by special boy. (3)

Solution to 2158: Across – 1. Pack; 7. Patina 8. Lady; 10. Mum; 11. Abridge; 12. Lea; 13. Naked; 17. Edits; 19. Out; 21. Reallot; 22. Lei; 23. Ally; 25. Daring; 26. Stir. **Down** – 1. Pulse; 2. Cad; 3. Marred; 4. Kindred; 5. Camelot; 6. Pampas; 9. Yank; 14. Astride; 15. Eclairs; 16. Oodles; 17. Ealing; 18. Iota; 20. Layer; 24. Lot.

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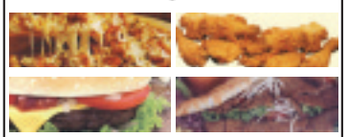

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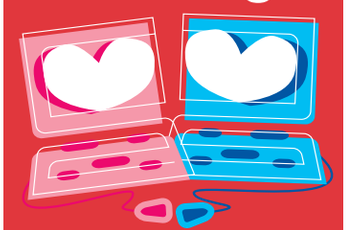

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
8.00 **Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Today's session at the Sepang International Circuit in Selangor.
10.30 **Saturday Kitchen.**
12.00 **BBC News.**
12.15 **Football Focus**
1.00 **Figure Skating World Championships.**
2.10 **The Masters: A Green Jacket Made to Measure.**
3.10 **The Boat Race.** The 156th staging from the River Thames.
5.10 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.20 **All New Total Wipeout.**
6.20 **Doctor Who.** In what has become one of the most eagerly awaited debuts. Matt Smith plays the 11th Doctor; Karen Gillan as Amy Pond is his new companion.
7.25 **Over the Rainbow.** There are plenty of shows that invite us to phone in to vote for our favourite contestants, but Andrew Lloyd Webber believes fans of his talent shows realise that with their voting power comes great responsibility.
8.40 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.**
9.30 **Casualty.**
10.20 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.**
11.55 **The Football League Show.**
1.15 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.**
2.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Fimbles.**
6.20 **Me Too!**
6.40 **Clifford's Puppy Days.**
7.00 **CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.15 **Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.30 **Tracy Beaker Returns.**
8.00 **Deadly 60.**
8.30 **MI High.**
9.00 **Basil and Barney's Swap Shop.**
10.00 **Horrible Histories.**
10.30 **The Sarah Jane Adventures.**
11.00 **The Slammer.**
11.30 **Animals at Work.**
12.00 **BBC Switch: Degrassi: The Next Generation.**
12.25 **BBC Switch: Single, Together, Whatever.**
12.50 **BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.**
1.05 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
1.30 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
2.00 **FILM: Howl's Moving Castle (2004).** Animated fantasy.
4.00 **Antiques Road Trip.**
4.30 **Final Score.**
5.10 **When Harry Met Ali: A Tribute to Harry Carpenter.**
5.40 **Easter from King's.**
6.55 **The Private Life of an Easter Masterpiece: The Descent from the Cross.**
7.45 **The Great Offices of State.**
8.45 **Dad's Army.**
9.15 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.**
9.55 **Heroes.**
10.35 **FILM: Pearl Harbor (2001).** Romantic drama, starring Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale.
1.25 **FILM: Girl from Rio (2001).**

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **CITV: Horrid Henry.**
9.40 **Emu.**
9.55 **Tricky Quickies.**
10.00 **The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.**
10.30 **The Lakes.**
11.00 **Dickinson's Real Deal.**
12.00 **News and Weather.**
12.09 **Anglia Weather.**
12.10 **This Morning: Saturday.**
1.10 **Midsomer Murders.**
3.15 **Animals Do the Funniest Things.**
4.00 **Anglia News and Weather.**
4.10 **ITV News and Weather.**
4.20 **FILM: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004).** The young wizard is shocked when he discovers a dangerous fugitive sorcerer is searching for him.
6.55 **Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp.**
7.25 **Ant & Dec's Push the Button.**
8.25 **The Door.** Concluding the two-part game show in which four survivors from the first round face their worst fears in a contest involving physical and mental challenges.
9.25 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Geri Halliwell.**
10.25 **Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford.**
11.25 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.40 **FILM: Accepted (2006)** Comedy, starring Justin Long.
1.20 **FILM: Fiddler on the Roof (1971)**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.**
6.35 **The Hoobs.**
7.00 **World Sport.**
7.30 **Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Friends.**
9.25 **4: Friends.**
10.00 **T4: Glee.**
10.55 **T4: JLS' Slammin' R'n'B Mixtape: Top 10.**
11.55 **T4: Ultimate Traveller.**
1.00 **T4: Smallville.** Chloe's memories are replaced with a Kryptonian code.
2.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park, Haydock Park and Carlisle.** Including the 3.25 totescoop6 H'cap Chase (3m 1/2f).
4.05 **Come Dine with Me.**
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5.05 **Come Dine with Me.**
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.**
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.**
6.45 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Blitz: London's Firestorm.** Dramatic reconstructions and CGI depict the 1940 bombing of London during World War Two.
9.05 **FILM: The Italian Job (2003).** Crime thriller inspired by the 1969 movie.
11.15 **FILM: Pan's Labyrinth (2006).** A fairytale-obsessed girl encounters a magical faun who sets her a series of disturbing tasks.
1.25 **FILM: One Hour Photo (2002).** Thriller, with Robin Williams.

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Milkshake!: Elmo's World.**
7.15 **The WotWots.**
7.30 **Little Lodgers.**
7.35 **Chiro.**
7.40 **Noddy in Toyland.**
7.50 **Milkshake! Music Box.**
7.55 **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.**
8.00 **Hana's Helpline.**
8.15 **Mist: Sheepdog Tales.**
8.30 **The Milky and Shake Show**
8.35 **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.**
8.50 **Igam Ogam.**
9.00 **Olivia.**
9.15 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **UEFA Europa League Highlights.**
11.05 **The Gadget Show.**
12.05 **Chinese Food in Minutes.**
12.35 **The Business Inspector.**
1.35 **Zoo Days.**
2.05 **The Gadget Show Shorts.**
2.15 **FILM: Aftershock: Earthquake in New York (1999).** Disaster drama, starring Tom Skerritt.
5.20 **Five News.**
5.25 **FILM: Jesse Stone: Night Passage (2006).**
7.05 **NCIS.** Fornell and his daughter are threatened.
8.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Drama, with William Petersen.
9.00 **CSI: NY.**
10.00 **Law & Order.**
10.55 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.**
12.15 **SuperCasino.**

Doctor Who
BBC1, Saturday, 6.20pm

Tropic of Cancer
BBC2, Sunday, 8pm

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
ITV, Saturday, 4.20pm

Eragon
Channel 4, Sunday, 5.35pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
8.00 **Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Live.** From the Sepang International Circuit in Selangor (Start-time 9.00am).
10.00 **He Is Risen Today.**
11.00 **Urbi et Orbi.**
11.40 **Bargain Hunt.**
12.25 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.40 **Cash in the Attic.**
1.40 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
4.00 **Points of View.** New series with Jeremy Vine.
4.15 **Songs of Praise.**
4.55 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.20 **Countryfile.**
6.20 **Over the Rainbow.** The results of the first live show are announced.
7.00 **Antiques Roadshow.**
8.00 **Jonathan Creek.** As Jonathan and his sidekick Joey Ross puzzle over the strange events, they realise the mysterious death of a former resident in 1889, who apparently fell victim to the supernatural powers of his Egyptian employee, could hold the key.
9.35 **Michael McIntyre: Live & Laughing.**
10.35 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.50 **Are Christians Being Persecuted?**
11.50 **The Sky at Night.**
12.15 **FILM: Grumpy Old Men (1993)** Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Fimbles.**
6.20 **Me Too!**
6.40 **Clifford's Puppy Days.**
7.00 **CBBC: Jinx.**
7.30 **Tracy Beaker Returns.**
8.00 **The Legend of Dick & Dom.**
8.35 **Match of the Day.**
9.55 **Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Live.** Further coverage of the third race of the season.
11.10 **On Thin Ice.**
11.55 **Monk.**
12.40 **FILM: Summer Magic (1963).** Disney musical comedy, starring Hayley Mills.
2.25 **Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix.**
4.25 **Natural World.** A
5.25 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.**
6.25 **Porridge.**
6.55 **Top Gear.**
8.00 **Tropic of Cancer.** Stage four of Simon Reeve's journey takes him across the areas of India rarely visited by tourists.
9.00 **Wonders of the Solar System.** Descending to the bottom of the Pacific in a submarine, Professor Brian Cox explains how the deep ocean is one of the most alien places on Earth.
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.**
11.10 **FILM: Heat (1995).** Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro.
1.50 **FILM: Quatermass 2 (1957).** Hammer sci-fi horror sequel, starring Brian Donlevy.

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **Coronation Street.**
11.45 **News and Weather.**
11.59 **Anglia Weather.**
12.00 **This Morning: Sunday.**
1.00 **FILM: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
2.30 **Agatha Christie's Poirot.**
3.30 **Foyle's War.**
5.30 **Anglia News and Weather.**
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp.**
6.30 **All Star Mr & Mrs.** Denise Welch, Gareth Gates and Nicholas Parsons reveal how much they know about their partners.
7.30 **Coronation Street.** Rita and Audrey fall out when the hairdresser realises her friend has booked Lewis for another date.
8.00 **A Touch of Frost.** David Jason reprises his role as Jack Frost for the last time in this two-part finale to the drama series.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **The South Bank Show Revisited.** Melvyn Bragg visits Billy Connolly at his home in New York.
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union.**
12.10 **Something About Mary Magdalene.**
1.05 **Champions League Weekly.**
1.30 **FILM: The Paper (1994).** Newsroom comedy drama, starring Michael Keaton.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Treacle People.**
6.20 **The Hoobs.**
7.10 **The Track and Field Show.**
7.40 **The Grid.**
8.05 **World Superbikes.**
8.30 **GT Academy.**
8.55 **T4: The Hills.**
9.25 **T4: Friends.**
9.55 **T4: Hollyoaks.** Omnibus.
12.30 **T4: Running in Heels.** New series. Docusoap about three interns at a fashion magazine.
1.30 **T4: Friends.**
2.05 **T4: Friends.**
2.40 **The Simpsons.**
3.15 **The Simpsons.**
3.45 **Deal or No Deal: Easter Madness.**
4.35 **Glee.** Finn learns he is not the father of Quinn's baby.
5.35 **FILM: Eragon (2006).** Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Edward Speleers.
7.30 **Channel 4 News.**
8.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Four north Somerset residents compete to host the perfect dinner party.
9.00 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke joins Clive Bolton and his wife Jane, as they convert a Grade II-listed derelict windmill on Anglesey.
10.00 **FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994).** Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell and John Hannah.
12.15 **FILM: The Warlords (2008).** Premiere. Historical adventure, starring Jet Li.

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9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **Shake!: Hannah Montana.**
10.35 **Wizards of Waverly Place.**
11.10 **Zoo Days.**
11.15 **Animal Rescue Squad.**
11.30 **Highland Emergency.**
12.30 **Ice Road Truckers.**
1.30 **Brits Who Made the Modern World.**
2.00 **FILM: King of Kings (1961).** Biblical epic, narrated by Orson Welles.
5.05 **Five News.**
5.10 **FILM: 13 Going on 30 (2004).** Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Garner.
7.05 **FILM: The Covenant (2006).** Supernatural horror, with Steven Strait and Sebastian Stan.
9.00 **FILM: Layer Cake (2004).** Crime thriller, starring Daniel Craig.
11.10 **Justin Lee Collins: Good Times.**
12.10 **The Gadget Show.**
1.10 **SuperCasino.**

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- Modern detached home
- Four bedrooms
- Garden and garage

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An impressive individual barn style property built to a high specification with a south facing rear garden, ensuite shower room, luxury kitchen with a range oven and appliances, garage and carport.

Fordham **£349,950**
An impressive 4 bedroom detached house with luxury kitchen, ensuite bathroom, study, double garage and hot tub. To fully appreciate this outstanding home a viewing is essential.

Newmarket **£141,500**
An attractively presented victorian terraced property with 2 double bedrooms and a first floor bathroom, a sitting room and separate dining room, double glazed windows, gas central heating and a south facing rear courtyard.

Newmarket **£145,000**
A 4 bedroom end terraced overlooking a green with a large sitting room and seperate dining room, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, fenced gardens and NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Moulton **£265,000**
A 4 bedroom detached house forming part of a select development with generous accommodation, 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, ensuite shower room,oil fired central heating. EXCELLENT VALUE - NO CHAIN.

Newmarket **£132,500**
A 2 bedroom detached bungalow located in a popular residential area. The accommodation has suffered some water damage and is therefore in need of some improvement. Tremendous potential. NO CHAIN.

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Newmarket **£349,950**

A superbly presented detached house extended and refurbished to a high standard and standing in one of Newmarkets premier locations adjoining stud paddocks. Early viewing recommended.

Burwell **£269,950**

A superbly presented modern 4 bedroom detached house standing on a corner plot with a delightful sitting room with dual aspect windows, separate dining room and double glazed conservatory, attractive part walled gardens and a garage and off road parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

Exning **£325,000**

A beautifully presented 4 bedroom detached character property with 3 reception rooms, contemporary bathroom and ensuite, exceptional character and open views to the front.

Swaffham Prior **£325,000**

An extended 5 bedroom detached bungalow standing in a well regarded village location with an established south facing garden, 3 reception rooms, 2 ensuite shower rooms, a kitchen/ breakfast room and a garage and parking.

Kennett **£299,950**

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Isleham **£295,000**

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A modern two bedroom semi detached bungalow, modern fitted kitchen, good size lounge/diner, driveway and garage, rear garden, gas central heating.

Rent: £595.00 per calendar month
Available from 07/04/2010

Bill Rickaby Drive, Newmarket

A well presented two bedroom house in quiet cul-de-sac., Lounge, modern fitted kitchen/diner, two good bedrooms, bathroom and shower. Gas heating, garage and garden.

Rent: £650.00 per calendar month
Available from 08/04/2010

Kingfisher, Isleham Marina, Isleham, Ely

A two bedroom riverside lodge with mooring space., Lounge, kitchen, shower room, two good size, bedrooms, calor gas heating, gardens and parking.

Rent: £675.00 per calendar month
Available Immediately

Laurel Close, Red Lodge

Large detached three bedroom bungalow in a quiet, position with entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, garage, driveway, oil c/h.

Rent: £725.00 per calendar month
Available Immediately

Walton Close, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire

Modern three bed semi in popular village., Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Cloakroom, en-suite, gas central heating, gardens, garage and driveway.

Rent: £750.00 per calendar month
Available from 22/04/2010

Russet Drive, Kings Warren, Red Lodge, Suffolk.

Three bedroom house near to USAF bases. Lounge, kitchen/diner, two bathrooms, garage, gas heating, gardens.

Rent: £795.00 per calendar month
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YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME

1 **Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...**

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Schools.
- ☐ Professional Bodies/Trade Unions.
- ☐ Motoring organisations.
- ☐ Newsagent.
- ☐ Friends and relatives.

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BURWELL £280,000 NEW

A substantial detached bungalow delightfully set within a non estate position and benefiting with utility, cloakroom and four bedrooms. Generous size garden, double garage, workshop.

FORDHAM £159,995

Priced to sell, a modern semi-detached property situated in a quiet development. With spacious lounge/diner, cloakroom, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens and parking.

SOHAM £135,000 NEW

A recently constructed property centrally located within moments of the High Street. Tastefully decorated and with cloakroom, two generous size bedrooms, gardens and parking.

BURWELL £445,000

A most impressive family home occupying a corner plot position within an award winning development. Featuring three reception rooms, four double bedrooms and two ensuites. Offered with no onward chain, the property boasts a double garage, parking and landscaped gardens.

BURWELL £199,995 NEW

A centrally located period property positioned within moments of traditional village shops. Boasting character features, accommodation includes lounge, kitchen/diner, utility, shower room, two double bedrooms and family bathroom. Off road parking and garden. No onward chain.

BURWELL £179,995 NEW PRICE

Featuring living room with wood burner, bespoke kitchen, two double bedrooms and refitted bathroom. Allocated parking and enclosed garden.

BURWELL £155,000 NEW/SOLD

A mid-terrace family home tucked away within a quiet and established development. The accommodation includes refitted kitchen, conservatory/lean to, bathroom and three bedrooms.

BURWELL £134,995

An ideal first time purchase or investment, a first floor apartment tucked away in this popular development. Benefiting with lounge/diner, two bedrooms, communal gardens and garage.

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NEWMARKET £115,000 NEW

Offering outstanding value for money, a first floor apartment set within an established area. Offering entrance hall, living room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. With off-road parking.

NEWMARKET £159,995

Offered with no onward chain, an immaculately presented property benefiting with kitchen/breakfast room, two good size bedrooms, a delightful rear garden and off-road parking.

FORDHAM £257,500 NEW/SOLD

A superb detached family home standing within a small cluster of similar properties. This recently updated property benefits from two reception rooms and three double bedrooms.

GREAT BRADLEY £199,995 NEW

A modern detached property set within this established development and enjoying a pleasant view to front overlooking the local green. Updated and improved, accommodation includes living room/dining room, refitted kitchen, three good size bedrooms and refitted bathroom. No chain.

LIDGATE £210,000 NEW

An established semi-detached family home, delightfully set within this highly regarded and sought after village. Enjoying accommodation to include entrance hall, living room, dining room, study, kitchen, cloakroom, utility area, three generous size bedrooms and first floor bathroom. Garage.

NEWMARKET £162,500 NEW

Offered with no onward chain, this extended property features well proportioned rooms throughout to include spacious open plan living/dining room, a refitted kitchen, shower/cloakroom, spacious living/dining room and two double bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden.

ASHLEY £300,000 NEW

An immaculately presented bungalow enjoying delightful views to the rear. Offering entrance porch, entrance hall, 23' living room, open plan dining area, utility area, refitted kitchen, four principle bedrooms and sauna room. Fully enclosed rear garden and garage facilities.

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GAZELEY £310,000 NEW

A superb modern and detached family home nestling on the fringe of this popular development and enjoying some lovely views to rear overlooking open fields. Boasting light and airy rooms throughout, the property benefits from entrance hall, living room, conservatory, dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms (en-suite to master) and bathroom. Other features include an established rear garden, detached double garage and off-road parking. Outstanding property.

NEWMARKET £255,000 NEW

An attractive modern and detached family home delightfully set on the edge of this highly regarded and sought after development. Superbly presented and recently updated, the property boasts accommodation to include entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, refitted kitchen, three good size bedrooms (en-suite to master) and bathroom. Also boasting fully enclosed rear garden, off road parking and detached garage. Viewing is highly recommended.

BURWELL £1,300 PCM

A recently refurbished detached family home with two reception rooms, refitted kitchen and four bedrooms. Gardens, garage and parking.

NEWMARKET £525

Available May, a well presented apartment situated in the heart of the town. With refitted kitchen, two bedrooms and refitted bathroom.

NEWMARKET £595 PCM

Set on the south side of the town centre, a Victorian end of terrace property benefiting with two reception rooms and two bedrooms.

BRINKLEY £1,000 PCM

An extended semi-detached property with stunning views over open fields. Featuring four bedrooms, ensuite, gardens and garage.

ASHLEY £575 PCM

A well presented bungalow situated in a highly desirable village, close to Newmarket. Offering two bedrooms, off road parking and garage.

NEWMARKET £525 PCM

A superbly presented apartment positioned with easy access to the A14. Featuring large lounge, refitted kitchen and two bedrooms.

ISLEHAM £1,100 PCM

A semi-detached townhouse with lounge or family room, four bedrooms and ensuite. Low maintenance rear garden and off-road parking.

NEWMARKET £495 PCM

A well presented cottage set on a desirable road. Featuring a good size lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. Available now.

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Newmarket £129,950

A very well presented 2 bedroom end of terrace cottage providing modern accommodation including an extended sitting room, well fitted kitchen, bathroom and gas heating.

Newmarket £137,000

A two bedroom detached house located within a popular residential development.The property benefits from a sitting room, kitchen, bathroom, garden & garage en bloc.

Newmarket £134,995

A 2 bedroom mid terrace cottage offering charm and character, situated in a central town location for easy access to the High Street.

Soham £145,000

Situated in a cul de sac location a 3 bedroom semi detached chalet style family house with double glazed windows, enclosed garden, garage and off road parking.

Newmarket £135,000

An extremely well presented 2 bedroom Victorian terrace house offering modern living accommodation, whilst retaining the charm of a period cottage.

Newmarket £124,995

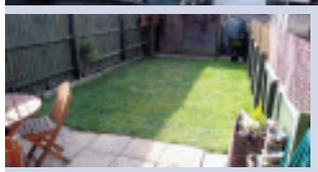
A two bedroom Victorian mid terrace house situated on the desirable South side of Newmarket town. The property benefits from a sitting room, kitchen/dining room, first floor bathroom, two bedrooms and a courtyard garden with brick outhouse.

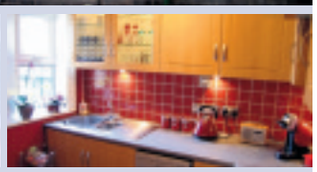
Soham £110,000

A 2 bedroom mid terraced house located in a quiet residential cul de sac offering. offering easy access to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge. IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS.

Newmarket £127,500

A semi detached 2 bedroom house situated in a popular development north of the town centre. Hall, kitchen, sitting room, sun room, bathroom, enclosed garden & garage.





Newmarket £132,500

Situated in a much sought after location, south of Newmarket town centre, this well presented two bedroom Victorian cottage offers modern living accommodation. The property benefits living room with stripped wooden flooring, recently refitted kitchen, Utility area, two bedrooms and a delightful enclosed rear garden.

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Fordham £280,000

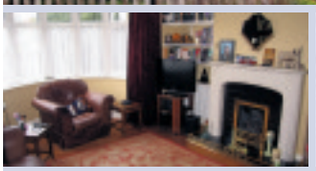
Situated at the end of a small cul de sac in the popular village of Fordham, an impressive 4 bedroom detached family house with an enclosed garden and detached double garage. NO CHAIN

Burwell £249,995

A spacious and sympathetically refurbished 3 bedroom house. Benefiting from 3 bedrooms, a re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, garage and off road parking for two cars.

Newmarket £143,000

A very well presented & spacious 3 bedroom house located in quiet cul de sac location. The accommodation includes a lounge diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom & enclosed rear garden.

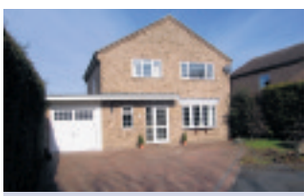


Newmarket £310,000

A stunning 4 bedroom detached 1930's house of character and charm, boasting a number of fine features including fireplaces, coloured leaded windows and stripped wooden floors. Impressive hall, sitting room with bay window, dining room opening to a large conservatory and refitted kitchen. Useful loft/hobbies space, delightful large garden and off road parking.

Moulton £240,000

A 3/4 bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow situated in one of Moulton's most attractive positions overlooking the parish church with views over countryside.



Newmarket £310,000

Standing at the end of a small and highly regarded cul de sac south of Newmarket town centre, an extended and beautifully presented 4 bedroom detached family house.

Exning £155,000

A delightful bay fronted period cottage set within a sought after village offering 2 reception rooms, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and a large garden. OUTSTANDING VALUE

Freckenham £365,000

A beautifully presented and sympathetically restored detached Period cottage of unquestionable charm and character, nestled along a quiet no through country lane.

Newmarket £425,000

An individual detached period house of character with planning to extend enjoying large established gardens and set in a sought after location close to the Rowley Mile Racecourse.

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Dullingham £995pcm

An Extremely Impressive Detached 4 bedroom House Standing At The Head Of A Small Cul-De-Sac With Open Views To The Rear Over Open Countryside.

Newmarket £550pcm

A very smart and well presented 2 bedroom 1st floor apartment enjoying a modern kitchen and bathroom. Available late April. unfurnished.

Stetchworth £1,500pcm

An outstanding 4 bedroom detached property set within this highly desirable village and enjoying delightful large gardens backing onto paddock land.

Soham £750pcm

Attractively positioned in a small modern cul de sac a well presented 3 bedroom detached family house. Available now. Unfurnished.

Newmarket £650pcm

A 2 bedroom semi detached house located on Bill Rickaby Drive, North of Newmarket town centre.

Newmarket £795pcm

A spacious and modern 2 bedroom apartment located near to the town centre. The property benefits from secure, electric gated parking and electric heating.

Newmarket £595pcm

An updated FULLY FURNISHED and much Improved two bedroom cottage with sitting room, kitchen and bathroom, 2 first floor double bedrooms.

Herringswell £1,100pcm

Set within a stunning parkland setting an impressive luxury apartment providing elegantly proportioned living accommodation.

Newmarket £550pcm

Situated down a no-through road, a delightful two bedroom cottage with off road parking for 1 car.

Worlington £800pcm

A stunning period former school house. The property has a large sitting/dining room, study/bedroom 3 with an ensuite, fitted kitchen, 2 first floor double bedrooms.

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CHEVELEY ROAD — £259,995

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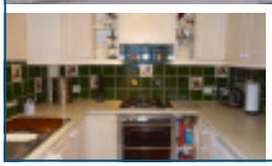
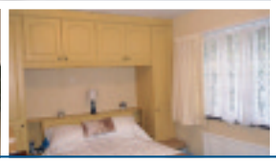




A rarely available three bedroom detached family bungalow situated close to the town and all facilities. The property has been subject to some updating and benefits from a new en-suite shower, conservatory and a modern kitchen and bathroom. There is a good size plot with plenty of off road parking, a double garage and enclosed rear garden. Viewing is essential to appreciate the full potential this home has to offer.

SAXON STREET — £229,995

MUST BE VIEWED

Deceptively spacious extended four bedroom family home situated in a popular village close the Historic Racing town of Newmarket. Tucked away down a quiet lane this old cottage has been heavily extended to the front and rear giving it versatile accommodation and is ideally suited for the growing family. There is a large enclosed rear garden which backs on to open farmland. Viewing is strongly advised to appreciate

LARK HILL — £252,500

NO CHAIN

An extremely well presented three bedroom detached bungalow situated in an exclusive cul de sac within the highly sought after village of Moulton. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing throughout, replacement fascia boards as well as a modern central heating

DERBY WAY — £280,000

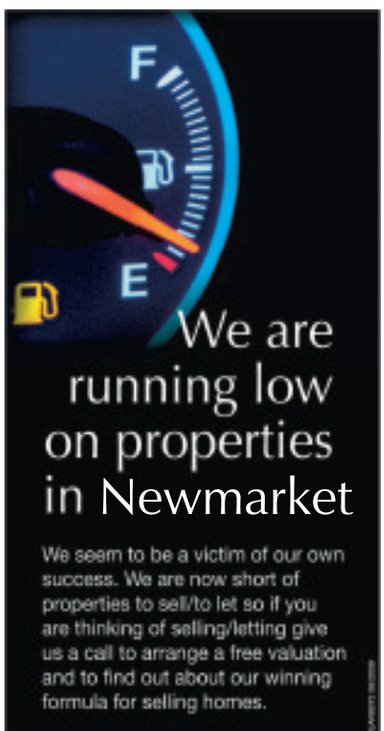
VACANT

A well established four bedroom detached family home situated within a cul de sac location close to all local amenities. Comprises of the following:- Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/ diner, lounge, garden room/ conservatory, four bedrooms, family bathroom, garden front and rear, single garage.

COMMON ROAD — £235,000

MUST BE VIEWED

In our opinion a modern spacious four bedroom detached family home in a non estate location situated within the popular village of Weston Colville. The property has been updated within recent times to include a replacement kitchen and bathroom, could benefit from further improvement.



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DRINKWATER CLOSE — £179,995

NEW

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow in a popular location close to the town and all facilities. The property offers scope for further improvement as well as the benefit of a large garden and no upward chain. Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, gas radiator heating, single garage.

FRESHFIELDS — £175,000

MUST BE VIEWED

A good size four bedroom family home in a well regarded development close to the town and all facilities. The property backs onto the recreation ground and enjoys a good size garden with two out building's. In need of some modernisation.

CROFT ROAD — £125,000

NO CHAIN

An older style two bedroom end of terrace home located in a popular location close to town and all facilities. The property benefits from gas radiator heating and replacement double glazing, this represents an ideal first time or investment purchase.

WHITE LODGE — £195,000 O.I.R.O

VACANT

A RARE OPPORTUNITY IN DEED!! This delightful and attractive looking two bedroom cottage style home forms part of a charming Victorian conversion of similar types of homes. This exclusive development is accessed via electric security gates to a courtyard, which leads to communal gardens, which are maintained to a high standard throughout the year and allocated parking. Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, guest bedroom, shower room, gas radiator heating and small area of garden. Offered with no onward chain viewing can be arranged.

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STRADISHALL £115,000

NO CHAIN

A spacious two bedroom end of terrace home situated on the Highpoint development offering fantastic value for money. Sitting room, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility, Two double bedrooms, Bathroom, front and side garden, oil fired heating.

RED LODGE £124,950

MUST BE VIEWED

A three bedroom end of terrace house in a traffic free location within this up and comming village. Comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, modern bathroom suite, enclosed garden and garage.

NEWMARKET £139,995

NEW PRICE

A fine Victorian two bedroom terrace home in a popular location close to all local amenities including shops, cafes and other facilities. The property has been updated within recent times with new Kitchen, Bathroom and has a good size garden. Offered with no upward chain.

CARNATION WAY £145,000

NEW

A well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a development of similar type properties offered with no upward chain. The property has been updated within recent times with a modern kitchen and bathroom. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate.

EXNING ROAD £174,950

NO CHAIN

Semi detached three bedroom family home situated close to the town and all facilities with an enclosed rear garden. Entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, master with en-suite, bathroom, gardens and out buildings.

NEWMARKET £169,950

VACANT

A modern semi detached home offering versatile accommodation in a near central location close to the town and all facilities. Comprising Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/diner, study/ bedroom 3, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden and off road parking.

MUNNINGS CLOSE £157,500

NEW

A particularly spacious modern two bedroom terrace home ideally situated for the town and all facilities. The property offers generous living accommodation including two double bedrooms, sitting room and kitchen/diner. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home.

HEATH FARM ROAD £159,995

NO CHAIN

An established two bedroom detached bungalow situated down a private road set within extensive grounds requiring a little up dating. Offered with no upward chain this bungalow offers huge potential and viewing is essential to fully appreciate this.

FRESHFIELDS £119,950

VACANT

An opportunity to purchase a well presented two bedroom ground floor maisonette in a popular location in the vicinity of the town and all its facilities. The property has the advantage of its own gardens to the front and rear and viewing is highly recommended.

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A remarkably well presented detached three bedroom single storey residence occupying a corner plot position within this popular location. With entrance hall, lounge, spacious kitchen/dining room. Spacious inner hall leading to bedrooms, bathroom, seperate WC. Conservatory. Low maintenance garden. Garage and workshop.

Newmarket
£169,995

A well presented and improved three bedroom semi detached family home with long mature rear garden delightfully backing onto playing fields, conveniently positioned close to the town centre. With entrance hall, living room, dining room, fitted kitchen. Well proportioned bedrooms. Wet-room and seperate WC to first floor. Useful outbuildings. Viewing essential

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Burwell £325,000

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‘Chelsea tractor’ values ‘to be hit by fuel rises’

VALUES of used ‘Chelsea tractors’ could drop by up to 10 per cent in the next six months as fuel prices continue to soar.

E-retailer, Carsite.co.uk, is warning of another round of price falls for thirsty second hand 4x4s as petrol prices head toward a record 120p per litre – spurred by a weak pound and the 1p fuel duty rise.

The last downturn, during the fuel price surge in 2008, stripped thousands in value from used off-roaders and large family cars with many owners unable to sell their vehicle on.

Carsite.co.uk suggests the additional financial burden placed on drivers by the fuel price spike could trigger another drop in buyer confidence for large petrol-powered cars, stripping as much as 10 per cent of value from the least economical used models.

Between early February and March the AA reported a 17 per cent surge in the wholesale price of petrol and a weaker pound continues to put upward pressure on fuel costs.

Alistair Jeff, sales director at Carsite.co.uk, commented: “With record fuel prices potentially sustaining at these high levels we could see a repeat of the knee-jerk reaction experienced in 2008 that saw dwindling values in the large family car market. Whilst the proposed showroom tax will make buying large 4x4s even more expensive, those who have recently invested in a new gas guzzler could be about to suffer from increased depreciation with their vehicle.”

Second hand 4x4 models quickly losing value in the 2008 price falls – and stand to fall again in the current market – include the Range Rover Sport, Audi Q7 and BMW X5.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE M11 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 11, CAMBRIDGESHIRE) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M11 Motorway in Cambridgeshire to provide a safe working environment whilst local authority works are being undertaken at Junction 11, to ease congestion coming into Cambridge and to improve access to Addenbrookes Hospital. The work on the M11 Junction 11 to install traffic signals includes the widening and resurfacing of the southbound exit slip road and associated works on the remaining three slip roads, in addition to this, temporary traffic management would be in operation on all four slip roads to facilitate works being undertaken on the nearby A10/A1307.

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>> Rugby Union

Hert-breaking!

HERTFORD proved to be a thorn in the side of the Newmarket teams at the Cambridge Festival. They won all their encounters in the latter stages of three age groups at the tournament.

>> UNDER-SEVEN

DETERMINED and energetic tagging got Newmarket to the final, where they were beaten by a well-drilled Hertford side.
Newmarket opened their campaign with a 20-10 defeat of Cambridge A, when the enthusiastic tagging kept the host club at bay for long periods although they did open a 10-5 lead.
The visitors kept cool and racked up tries from Owen Bentley (2), Joseph McCaffrey, and Edward Newton.
Letchworth were then put to the sword 30-15, McCaffrey scoring an early try after a surging run to put them on the back foot from the early stages.
Further tries from Sam Bailey, Jacob O'Gorman and Sam Howard put Newmarket in charge and surging runs from Sam Skingley and Gabriel Jones rounded things off.
The semi-final against Cambridge II tilted one way then the other, with Newmarket finally edging through 40-35 thanks to scores from Newton (2), Bentley (2), McCaffrey (2), Bailey and Howard which were supported by superb tagging from Elijah Hall and Harrison Barrett.
However, Hertford, who passed well 'out of the tag', proved just too strong and tries from Jones (2), O'Gorman, McCaffrey, Howard and Newton were not enough to stave off a 40-30 defeat.

>> UNDER-EIGHT

NEWMARKET got into the semi-final by virtue of two draws, but then found Hertford a different proposition in their last-four clash.
Their opening clash against Cambridge ended 35-35, Newmarket scoring tries through Carter Wilder, Evan Mansfield and Ben Le Maire (2) in the first half and only a further three scores from Wilder after the turn-around kept them in touch.
Letchworth matched Newmarket's flying start – which brought tries for Le Maire, Mansfield, and Wilder – and were on level terms at half time. An equally fast-paced second period yielded two more tries for Le Maire and one for Wilder to make the scoreline 30-30.
But although Newmarket worked well as a team in their semi-final, Hertford, the tournament winners, were difficult to break down and won 30-20, Le Maire and Wilder scoring two tries each.

>> UNDER-NINE

DEFEAT in the first game against strong favourites Cambridge A provided a disappointing start for Newmarket's under-nines.
They were swamped 35-0 by the direct-running side, with only good tackles from Jeremy Girgis and Max Pearson keeping the score down.
Letchworth, who had already restricted Cambridge A to a draw, were next up and their superior rucking allowed them to maintain control and run up a 35-5 victory.

Silver lining: Newmarket under-10s after finishing second to Hertford at Cambridge. CP

Newmarket's only score came from Patrick McCaffrey, who marked his first game of the day with a break from the halfway line.
Luck was against Cambridge in their final pool game, their strong line-up producing some nice passing rugby without making any impression on the Cambridge B defence, who stormed to a 20-0 win.

>> UNDER-10

HERTFORD again proved the stumbling block as Newmarket won all their four games to reach the final.
They opened with a 5-0 defeat of Ely, who started with a strong pack which made scrums and line-outs hotly-contested affairs.
The only score came from Harry Robbins, who slalomed through Ely's defensive line.
Centre Tom Addison struck twice against Cambridge A, sealing a 10-0 win as the host club's running game was skilfully stifled.
And a first-half barrage earned Newmarket a 15-0 lead at half time against Letchworth in the final pool game. Joe May, Harry Robbins and Nick Butler laid the foundations for the 25-5 victory, which was wrapped up by second-half scores from Kieran Sutton and Addison.
Newmarket's defensive capabilities were tested by Biggleswade in the semi-final, but two crunching tackles from Will Christie on their fleet-footed centre typified their resistance.
The only try of the game came from winger Butler, who snapped up the ball from the base of a ruck and dashed over.
However, Hertford struck first in the final, after a dummy run split the defence, and although Butler levelled before half time, the pressure on a tiring defence told and Hertford scored from the last passage of play.

>> UNDER-12

NEWMARKET started their five-game series with a clash against Letchworth, a side they had never before played.
And, although, the scoreline was blank at half time, three late scores gave Letchworth a 15-0 victory.
Newmarket were fast out of the blocks against Hichin B, Wan Bryson opening the scoring and Ciaran Abrahams, Harry Silvester, Lewis Hall and Abrahams again making it 25-0 at half time. Hitchin came back with two tries but Sam Wade sealed a 30-10 success.
However, a hard-fough game against a phyically larger Cambridge ended 10-0 to the hosts and, despite battling hard against a fluent Hitchin A, they lost 10-5, Abraham scoring the try.
And they wound up with another bruising encounter, losing 10-5 to Biggleswade. Silvester's try had them level at half time but they came under sustained pressure and , despite determined resistance, Newmarket were beaten by a late try.

Phillips' display is just four-some

>> UNDER-13

Newmarket 27 Stowmarket 10
A FOUR-TRY blitz from hooker Anton Phillips helped Newmarket record their sixth successive win.
They put abrasive opposition on the back foot from the very first passage of play when they stole Stowmarket's ball at the kick off and drove them back to the five-metre line where Phillips picked up and scored.
This spurred Stowmarket into action and they scored two tries under the posts to lead 10-5 at the break.
However, the game turned on a superb try from Phillips, who beat four would-be tacklers in a touchline-hugging run to dot down in the corner.
This encouraged Newmarket to play their best rugby of the game and a series of breaks from Harry Martin, Richard Phillips and Jack Corridan-Brown fed Phillips, who ran in from 20 metres.
Fly-half Jack Morris kicked the conversion. Jack Barker added Newmarket's fourth try with a brave drive through several tackles and Phillips completed the scoring.

>> UNDER-14

Swaffham 5 Newmarket 46
WITH forwards and backs firing on all cyclinders, Newmarket eased to victory.
Ethan Brown wriggled over to open the scoring, and that was soon increased when Aiden Cooper set up winger Iain Moffat.
Despite Nathan Buckle going off with a serious-looking ankle injury, Newmarket responded well and Cooper who cut back in past the wrong-footed defence to score under the posts.
Joe Stafford converted the try and soon added to his points tally with a try of his own on the stroke of half time.
He added another early in the second half before Jack Felton scored his first try for the club, collecting the rebound from a charge down.
Stowmarket, though, were heartened by a try of their own and by a Newmarket player being sent off.
But their efforts were in vain when Stafford completed a hat-trick for the second successive week while Cooper wrapped up the scoring with a try close to the posts.

>>UNDER-15

Newmarket 10 Swaffham 28
NEWMARKET'S 13 players competed well against a full complement from Swaffham, but the difference in numbers told in the end.
Swaffham only led 14-0 at the break – their second score coming right on half time – and in the second half Newmarket produced a good team performance with outstanding rucking and mauling from the pack and excellent handling and running from the backs.
Dale Gibson burrowed over for a try after a 5m penalty and Sam Nelson added the second after a strong break from Gareth Denney.

>> Hockey

Downs puts side on up

Newmarket 5 Peterborough 1
Cambs Women's League, Premier Division
NEWMARKET are on the way back up again after clinching the league title in their last game of the season.
They were in dominant form from the start, Louise Downs opening the scoring after two minutes and rifling in another shortly after.
Using their width well, Tracy Cockerill and Jenny Richardson created several chances for Di Thomas and Hayley Stoneman, but Newmarket did not extend their lead until Clare McDonnell tucked away a fine solo goal.
Although caught on the hop when Peterborough scored from a short corner early in the second half, Newmarket were not in the mood to subside and Stoneman restored the three-goal advantage.
Thomas, however, was out of luck in front of goal and saw Downs pinch the leading scorer trophy with her hat-trick goal, a penalty awarded after Beth Wombwell was sent sprawling in the D by a challenge which left her nursing an ankle injury.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newmarket	**16**	**10**	**4**	**2**	**44**	**22**	**34**
St Ives II	16	8	7	1	36	19	31
Market Deeping	16	8	4	4	23	18	28
Sawtry	16	7	4	5	31	27	25
Wisbech II	16	7	4	5	27	27	25
Cambridge City III	16	5	2	9	27	34	17
Cambridge Uni III	15	4	3	8	26	29	15
Saffron Walden	16	5	0	11	18	36	15
City of P'Boro III	15	3	0	12	15	35	9

>> Athletics

Davis on right path

GREG Davis did his chances of a sub-3hr 15min time in the London Marathon a power of good when he led the Newmarket Joggers home at the Joe Cox half-marathon in Stowmarket.
The hilly race is perfect preparation for those anxious to gauge how their training is going for the big race on April 25.
Davis was first Jogger home in 1hr 26min 12sec, which earned him 19th place overall while Neville Clarke, who won the v55 category, was 43rd overall in 1:34.03.
Marathon addict Miranda Paul, who plans to run both Brighton and Edinburgh races this spring, breezed over in 1:51.27 followed by Stuart Janes and Kirstie Newton, who are training for their first marathons in Edinburgh and Brighton respectably, completed in 1:51.42 and 1:57.38.
■ Joggers have a coach booked to the London Marathon for competitors and spectators, which is also open to non-members. Anyone wishing to book a place should contact Carolynn on 01638 731160 or 0784 3328889.

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Something to shout about . . .

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Cool Buick in tribute to team Dar Re Mi

WILLIAM Buick was in reflective mood after his high-profile success on Dar Re Mi at Meydan.

The 21-year-old received many plaudits for his cool ride on the five-year-old mare in the Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan on Saturday.

It was a fairytale start to his job as stable jockey to top Newmarket trainer John Gosden.

However, there was no time for celebration as he flew home in time to ride at Doncaster for just one mount – the 3-1 shot African Wave, who was second – for his new boss.

Reflecting on Dar Re Mi's triumph, Buick said: "She's unbelievable and it was a great training performance. Everyone knows how cold the winter has been here.

"I got back from Dubai after Super Thursday and she looked a million dollars.

"She had a nice coat and looked really well even though it had been -3C in Newmarket.

"We've got a great team and it's credit to everyone there. It's always a team effort.

"She's exceptional and she gave me such a good ride last night. Everything was so straightforward and apart from Sea The Stars and Conduit she had the best form that was about last year.

"I was at no point put under pressure. Mr Gosden never put me under any pressure and it's great to ride for people like that."

■ William Haggas is likely to step Penitent and South Easter up in class after the pair gave the Newmarket trainer a big double on Saturday, the opening day of the new turf Flat season in Britain.

» Boxing

Penitent could return to the scene of his William Hill Lincoln success for the Doncaster Mile on April 17, while the Huxley Stakes at Chester's May meeting is on the agenda for South Easter following his victory in the Magnolia Stakes at Kempton.

"It was a very good day," said Haggas. "And they both seem fine. They didn't blow for very long and they didn't lose much weight. Both of them are in pretty good shape."

■ Marco Botti has set his sights on some of Europe's top middle-distance events for Gitano Hernando, an unlucky sixth in the Dubai World Cup at Meydan.

Hampered by traffic problems at Meydan, the four-year-old could go to Royal Ascot, the Eclipse, the Juddmonte International, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

■ Racehorse owner David Reynolds was fined £10,000 and banned for three months by the British Horseracing Authority for his altercation with Kieren Fallon at Lingfield nearly a fortnight ago.

The incident happened as Fallon was unsaddling his mount Elna Bright, who was last of the 10 runners after being impeded by Everymanforhimself.

Reynolds is the co-owner of The Scorching Wind, who was second last.

■ David Simcock is hoping to rekindle the form of Georgebernardshaw, who has joined the Newmarket trainer from Aiden O'Brien's yard.

Once a Classic prospect, the five-year-old changed hands after finishing last of four to Sea The Stars in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York in August.

Thumbs up: William Buick is led in on Dar Re Mi after their win in the Sheema Classic. PA

Edgar settles for a bronze

» CYCLING: Ross Edgar's hopes of a gold medal at the Track Cycling World Championship in Copenhagen were hit by Sir Chris Hoy's mechanical problems.

Edgar, from Newmarket, and Jason Kenny were already on the start line for the team sprint against Australia as Hoy waited for his right pedal to be replaced.

Consequently, Hoy produced a lacklustre run as the Olympic champions and world record holders qualified third and met China in the bronze medal race-off, which they won.

Mildenhall CC life-member Victoria Pendleton won gold and silver medals, retaining the women's sprint title – she has won it five time times in the last six years – and finishing second in the keirin.

Town's big day

» RUGBY UNION: Newmarket will be looking to take another step along the trail to Twickenham on Saturday. The Eastern Counties League, Division One leaders take on Teddington in the Junior Vase Division final at Scaltback (3pm) and, if they win, Newmarket go into the national semis before the final at headquarters.

Tigers' new time

» SPEEDWAY: Mildenhall Fen Tigers have moved their regular start-time for home fixtures to 5pm. They were due to open their campaign against Team Viking on Easter Sunday at their usual 4pm start, with a later 6pm time being used on occasion.

But chairman Ray Mascall has now adhered to proposals from Forest Heath District Council, who asked him to consider moving the start time to resolve noise issues raised by a nearby resident. Mascall said: "The neighbouring motocross track has been asked to curtail their finish at 4pm and following discussions with stadium owner Dave Coventry, we will be bringing in a standardised start time of 5pm."

Forest Heath spokesperson Vicky Austen said they had not enforced the switch.

Palmius mission

» SNOOKER: Eva Palmius will be bidding for glory at the World Ladies Billiards and Snooker Association's World Championships at Cambridge Snooker Centre on Saturday. Isleham-based Palmius is ranked No 5 in the world but will have her work cut out preventing Reanne Evans from continuing her remarkable run. The top seed, from Dudley, is the defending champion and has won the last six tour events.

Let's ride . . .

» CYCLING: The Mildenhall club are holding an open evening at their Wamil Way headquarters on Monday (7.30pm) for anyone interested in registering for their weekly Go-Ride programme, a scheme which teaches children the fundamentals of cycling. The sessions run from Monday May 10 to Monday August 16 and cost £2 a session. Further details are available from the club's website, www.mildenhallcc.org.uk, or on facebook as mildenhallcc.

» Football: Ridgeons League

Goal-shy Jockeys are out on spot

Newmarket Tn 1
Debenham LC 1
Premier Division

STEVE Bugg's penalty was not enough to prevent Newmarket being held to a draw on Saturday.

Bugg gave the Jockeys the edge from the spot in the first half after Andy Eady was brought down in the box.

But Eady himself committed the foul inside the area from which Debenham levelled after the interval.

Manager Kevin Grainger said: "A draw was the right result.

"It was an awful game, just like an end-of-season match, but we had most of the possession.

"I'm very disappointed because we just lacked a bit of desire and we still looked goal-shy."

Newmarket's Easter programme comprises two home games, against Hadleigh on Saturday and then Needham Market on Monday.

Mildenhall Town 1
Walsham le Willows 0
Premier Division

ALAN Ross came up trumps against former club Walsham le Willows to earn victory for Mildenhall.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men early in the second half and Ross took advantage to head home Kyle Parish's cross for the only goal soon after.

Manager Simon Charlton said: "We'd lost the two before, so it was important we approached the game in the right way.

"I made a big point of telling the lads we didn't want to get a name for ourselves as a soft touch.

"They took it on board and we battled for everything."

Mildenhall, who drew 3-3 against Dereham on Wednesday, are at Wivenhoe on Saturday and are at home to near-neighbours Ely on Monday.

» Boxing

I've got to put record right – Mac

PAT McAleese wants a rematch with Lee Noble after being held to a 58-58 draw in their showdown in London.

The Newmarket light-middleweight remains unbeaten, but said he was desperate to meet the Barnsley boxer again after being frustrated with his performance at Goresbrook Leisure Centre.

He said: "He was taunting me through all six rounds, but I've got to box him again and set the record straight. On form, I'd smash him and make sure he couldn't open his mouth."

Despite feeling sluggish in the second half of the fight, McAleese still felt he had claimed all bar the fifth round. He said: "The whole crowd went 'uh' and people started booing and I certainly think I was robbed.

"But I really started to feel tired after the third round and I can usually cruise six rounds.

"I don't feel I rested enough in between my fight in Newmarket, where everything flowed, and this one where I didn't feel I had much strength and was just burned out.

"It's a big learning curve for me and this is just a little blip, so I'll be ready to take out my anger and frustration on my next opponent."

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